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MANCHESTER TOWN RECORDS.

INTRODUCTION.

At the Annual Town Meeting held March 17, 18 and 19, 1890, the following votes were passed with reference to a continuation of the printing of the ancient records of the town, viz.: — "It was voted to accept the Report of the Committee on Old Records and adopt the recommendation contained therein." We earnestly recommend a continuance of the work from year to year until all the old records of every kind shall be secure from possible destruction, by being printed." Votes were also passed instructing the same committee (Messrs. Daniel Leach, D. L. Bingham and W. H. Tappan) to go on with the work, and to examine the Proprietors' Records and cause to be printed such portions of the same as in their judgment would be important. An appropriation of four hundred dollars was granted by the town for this purpose, and the Town Clerk (Mr. A. S. Jewett) was employed by the committee to prepare the work for publication.

For a better understanding of the "Commoners Records" it has been thought advisable to give an abstract of some of the laws upon the Statute Books at that time. We have been unable thus far to find any paper, essay, or sketch containing a detailed and clear account of the methods employed by the early proprietors in the transaction of their business. The oldest inhabitant has no recollection, not even of tradition, that will avail the student in throwing light upon some points. We are mainly indebted to Herbert B. Adams, Esq., of Johns Hopkins University, for the fullest treatment of this subject. Previous to 1692 matters had been allowed to adjust themselves as best they could, between a people impatient of restraint on the one hand and kingly authority on the other. About

this time the necessity for some more stable laws had become apparent and the following Act was passed for the "Regulating of Townships, Choice of Town Officers and setting forth their Power." "The Proprietors of the Undivided or Common Lands within each Town and Precinct in this Province, where the same have been heretofore stated, each one's proportion being known, shall, and hereby are Impowred to order, improve or divide in such way and manner as shall be concluded and agreed upon by the major part of the Interested; the Voices to be collected and accounted according to the Interests. And the Proprietors of all undivided or common Lands not stated and proportioned as aforesaid; shall, and hereby are Impowred to manage, improve, divide or dispose of the same as hath been, or shall be concluded and agreed on by the major part of such Proprietors. That no Cottage or Dwelling-place in any Town shall be admitted to the Privilege of Commonage of Woods, Timber and Herbage, or any other the Privileges which lie in Common in any Town, or Peculiar, other than such as were Erected or Privileged by the Grant of such Town or Peculiar before the Year One Thousand Six Hundred Sixty and One, or that have been since, or shall hereafter be Granted by the Consent of any Town or Peculiar. And whereas it has been a continued Practice and Custome in the several Towns within this Province, Annually to Choose Select-men or Townsmen, for the Ordering and Managing of the Prudential Affairs of such Town, and other Town Officers for the Executing of other Matters and Things in the Laws appointed by them to be Done and Performed:" Then follow the Acts and Resolves in relation to the election of the various Town Officers, etc. The law had been silent in regard to the calling of a Proprietor's meeting and to relieve the uncertainty an Act was passed during the session of 1712 to this effect. "That when and so often as any five or more of the Proprietors of such Common Lands shall judge a Proprietor's Meeting to be necessary, they may make Application to a Justice of the Peace within the same County where such Lands ly, for a Warrant for the Calling of a Meeting expressing the Time, Place and Occasion thereof: And such Justice is here by Impowred to Grant a Warrant for such Meeting accordingly, Directed to One of the Proprietors asking the same: or to the Proprietors Clerk, requiring him to Notify the Proprietors of the Meeting, and the Time and Place for the same: which Notification shall be given in Writing Posted up in some Publick Place or Places within the Town or

Precinct where the Lands lye, fourteen Days before the day appointed for the Meeting. And such and so many of the Proprietors as shall be Assembled and Meet accordingly, shall have Power by a major Vote to Chuse a Clerk, to Enter and Record all Votes and Orders, that from time to time shall be Made and Passed in the Proprietors Meetings: who shall be Sworn to the faithful Discharge of his Office, as the Law directs, for the Swearing of Town Officers. And to agree upon, and Appoint any other Way or Method of Calling and Summoning Meetings for the future, as shall be most suitable and convenient to the Proprietors. As also to pass Orders for the Managing, Improving or Dividing such Common Lands, not before Stated and Divided: the Voices always to be Collected and Numbred according to the Intrests present, where the same is known." It appears that the Proprietors of Manchester did not see fit to avail themselves of this Act until Aug. 26, 1718, when Richard Leach petitioned that such a meeting might be called; and from that time until Feb. 28, 1769, the doings of this body were recorded in what is known as the "Commoners Records." Such portions have been printed as were thought to be of especial interest in accordance with the expressed wish of the town.

PART I.

COMMONERS RECORDS FROM 1718 TO 1769.

At a proprietors meeting being the proprietors of the Common and undevided Land in the township of manchester being legally warned and mete togather on the 12 Day of September 1718. John Knowlton Chose modrator for sd meeting 1: it was voted that Every proprietor that lived and dwelte in manchester in the year 1716 and that ware the proprietors of the Common and undivd land in the township of manchester should have 20 Acres of upland to every one that has a singele Right or more or less acording to what Every man has in posstion and all five acres of swamp land is grantd to be laid out to Every Right in sum Convenant place in the holl Comm Said 20 Acres to laid out on the East side of a line from our meeting house in manchester to a hemlock standing on the north sid of hemlock plain sd tree standing in Ipswich line and forthwith to be laid out to Every man acording to his Right at the above sd meeting John Knowlton was Chos the proprietors Clerk and sworn at sd meeting at sd meeting it was voted to give for the use of the hole town about forty acres of land for and towards the support of a scholle in manchester the intended for the schoule is Jaks hill and all that land on both hills and it was voted at sd meeting that the Commete should sell so much of our Common land as should pay all coste for laing out the above sd land and Recording Every mans lott to him and the Commete shall lay Every mans lott as nere to his own land as can Convenantly be. the Commete Chose to lay Every man his Right out are as folleth Robert leach senr. aaron bennet John Knowlton, Samuel lee senior John bishop John allen sen Robert leach iunior beniemin allen Richard leach the above sd Commete has liberty to hiere an artist to aseste them to lay Every man his Right out acording to his Intrest in sd Com-

mon land and pay sd artes by seleing of land and the above sd Commete has liberty to agree with any proprietor for there parte in there common it is voted at sd meeting that Capt Siblese heirs shall have laid out to them 3 querters of an Acre and 3 acres which was there Du formorly it is allso voted at sd meeting that Kidell Cove pond should be forthwith laid out into 38 lotts and Every proprietor as aforesaid shall tack thire lott and both Crow Islands are to be Disposed of by the sd Commete as they shall think best and allso Kidell Island the afore sd Commete are ordered to Disposse of by selling sd Island it is voted at sd meeting that half an Acre of land nere the Carsway shall be laid out for to Didg Clay in and at sd meeting it is voted that John gridly should have an Acre of land nere his own land as it is now stacked out and it is voted at the above sd meeting that the Commete Chose and namd as above sd shall forthwith lay out to Every man that is a proprietor as above sd all that Common land laying on the East sid of a line from our meeting house to a tree standing in Ipswich line being a hemlock tree on the norwest of hemlock plain west from mill ston hill: Exepte what land the Commete shall se Case to selle on the East sid of sd line and the proprietors shall tack their lotts by drawing or as they shall agree with the Commete that is every proprietor that lived and dwelt in Manchester in the year 1716 and that now Dueles in manchester this year 1718. the above sd land is given to the proprietors in Concidration of theire grat Cost and Charg in setelling mr Cheever amongs us as our minister and it is voted at sd Meeting that the Commete Chose and named at said meeting shall Acte and do as they shall think best they or the maior part of them Relating to the primeses above said and Call a proprietors meeting as ofen as they shall think fete and what is acted at any Meeting by warning or ordered to be warnd by sd Commete shall be binding to the holl proprietors all ways provided the Maior part agree it is voted at said meeting that all timber on any mans land shall be free to build our new meeting house and Shoule house the proprietors that ware at sd meeting ware Col^{o} Samuel Brown Esqr Robert leach senier Samuel lee senior aaron bennet Samuel leach nath^{ll} marstus beniemin allen Joseph leach John allen senior Joseph allen senior Robert leach iunior Richard leach John bishop Isaac Whiter John lee senior John lee iunior Joseph allen iunior Shadrach Norton the Reverend Mr Amse Chever John Knowlton it was voted and agreed at the above sd meeting

to vote by lifting up the hands but it was thought fite to Confeirm all by vote by poles which was agreed on and it was voted by polles that all that had ben voted and is here enterd being Read to them should stand good and not be alltered at all.

John Knowlton the
proprietors Clark

At a proprieter meeting in manchester being legally warned and meet togather on the 27 day of october 1718.

John Knowlton Chose modrator first it was voted to vote by poles first it was voted to sele two peaces of land to pay the Cost or part of it for laying out Every man his Right in that land Exsprest in a vote at a meeting September the 12, 1718 one peice of land lies betwen Mr. Cheevers land Called pople plain and the South Ends of the South Devistion so Called nere Jones being about ten acres the other peace being about twenty two Acres lieng betwen Samuel lee seniors 29 nienth ninth lott in the north devistion lott and Robert leachs thirtyth lott in the north Devistion the north end of sd land Joynes on glocester line and Coms to a point at the South End it is allso voted to sele Crow island the bidgest at kidell Cove and it is allso voted to sele kidell Island nere grays beach at sd meeting it was voted that Samuel lee senior John bishop and Aaron bennet should be a Commete to sele said land and Islands and to be sold within six Day from the Date of this meeting and it was voted at sd meeting that all votes and agreements mad and agreed on in said meeting September the 12 1718 should stand good and was Confeirmed it was allso voted that all lands laid out to any parson by vartue of any vote September 12 1718 should be to them and thers and there heirs for Ever it is lickwise voted that all the Rest of the land given to the proprietors at a meeting September 12 1718 should be forth with laid out to them by the Commete Chos and named in this book and it is voted at sd meeting that the [6] proprietors Clark shall forth with git a book and Record Every mans lott and be paid for it John Knowlton the
proprietors Clarke

[9] At a proprietors meeting in manchester on friday the 3 day of october 1718 John Knowlton Chose modrator for sd meeting it was voted at sd meeting that the freeholders now in manchester shall and are admited a Common Right in the west part of our Common land that was not given to the old proprietors at a pro-

prietors meeting in manchester September 12. 1718. and that sd land shall not be devided in 50 year from the date of this meeting all ways provided the twenty five acres given to the proprietors at a proprietors meeting September 12 : 1718 : should be Completed : and if any man Coms into town & is a freeholder he shall be admited a Right teles it maks up 100 with the old proprietors haveing one more aded to Every Right to them which make them seventy six Rights and all parsons Coming into town shall have liberty to Didg Clay for theire uese or cut timber to build with and the Com.es are to sell to any a quarter of an acre that will build on it and live on it 7 year or to Return to the proprietors again

John Knowlton the
proprietors Clark

[11] the 28 day of January 1718 : 19
at a proprietors meeting in manchester Said proprietors being legally warned and met to gather on sd day John Knowlton Chose Modrater for sd meeting first it was voted to vote by lifting up the hands it was voted at sd meeting that all Devistions of land or grantes of land by the proprietors of land in Manchester entered in this boock or all formor Devistions of land in manchester should stand good and should be to them that any land is sett to or granted to or if the Commete Chose and named in this book has agreed with any man for any part of our Common or sold any land to any man we do Ratefie and Confeirm it to them and theire heirs assignes for ever and that all Devistions of land or grantes of land should be trance scribed into this book out of our town book at sd meeting Richard leach had granted to him about five Acres of land betwen the 11 lotte and twelve lott for six pound it Comes to a point at Ipswich line it is voted that John Knowlton and John lee iunr : and Samuel lee iunior should be a Commete to drance Crib all the land out of the old town book into this book it was voted at said Meeting that the proprietors Clerk should Call a proprietors meeting as ofen as he shall think fete it was voted at sd meeting that John Knowlton John lee iunior Robert leach senier and Samuel lee or any two of them should be a Commete to setell any bound betwen man and man in manchester John Knowlton the
proprietors Clerk

at a proprietors meeting in manchester September first day 1720 being legally warned and mett to gather Aaron bennet Chose mod-

rater by the proprietors for sd meting John lee iunior had granted to him three acres in the lower End of Jax Sedar Swamp to bound on the north side of the heads of the shingell place hills lotts Easterly by Mr Cheevers land South by the Shoule land and to Extend west tele it maks up three Acres and all the rest of the Common land betwen the Shoule land and the heads of the Shingell [12] place hills lotts aioyning on maple swamp to be forthwith sold by the Commete herein named and the Commete here Exprest are impowred to sele all that Comon land on the west side at hupers house and the Commete herein named are fully impowered to sele all that Common land lieing on the Easterly sid of the way that leads out at our town into the spruce swamp and allso to sell all the Common land betwene—guter and the Allens lott aioyning on the land laid out to Capt Siblese heirs the Com^{e} Chose to sell said land are Aaron bennet Richard leach John Knowlton and it was voted and agreed at said meeting that the above said Commete should give a deed of the above said land to them that Apears to buie sd land and the following Reharsall of the Commets proseding about was Reed at said meeting and was Ratefied at Said meeting by the holl proprietors then present and At a proprietors meeting September 12, 1718 at sd meeting it was voted at sd meeting that there was granted to Every proprietors that lived and dwellet in manchester in the year 1716 should have twenty five Acres of upland and swamp land in manchester Common the Commete Chose and named in this book has laid out to the proprietors thirty lotts that has ten Acres in a lott Called the north Devistion and thirty lotts about five Acres in a lott Called the South Devistion and 18 lotts in bryery plain on the north side of Col^{o}. browns lotts being about an acre in a lott and 3 lotts and halfe to Col^{o}. brown and two lotts betwen Col^{o}. browns lotts and the heads of the lotts nere gridly house and six lotts and a half a lott nere gridlys hous and three lotts granted to John Knowlton being all that Common land on the west sid of gridlys land and on the south sid of the way leding to glocester from manchester aioyning southwardly by the meadow west wardly by the halfe Acre laid out for Clay and 38 lotts on the shingell place hills and 38 lotts in and nere the Sedar Swamp and five lotts and half a lott on mill stone hill on the back sid of the Sedar swamp and the Kidell Cove pond and the Commete has sold about ten Acres of land nere Jones by popell plain and twenty two acres of land betwen Samuel lees lott and leachs lott

and about five acres of land betwen the 11 and 12 lott and the Commette Chos September the 12 1718 has sold the bidgest of Crow Island and Allso Kidell Island and sum land nere hoopers and it was voted at the Above said meeting that the lotts above Exprest should be drawed by the proprietors of the Common land in manchester and be Recorded to them in this book and all the lotts of land Recorded to any proprietor in this book should be to them and theire heirs or assignes for ever at sd meeting the proseding of the Commete Chos and named in this book Relating to the laing out and selling land Exprest in our Common, Caused to be Reed to the proprietors at sd meeting there doings Relating to the primeses and it was Ratefied and Confeirmed by a vote of the proprietors and the Clerk is ordered to pay three shillings per day to those that laid out the Common and to have six pence per lott for Recording Dated September first 1720

John Knowlton the
proprietors Clerk

the a Count of what money John Knowlton has Received to pay for land

of Richard leach for five acres of land which he bought	06.–00–00
for Crow Island of Joseph leach	06.–00–0
for Kidell Island sold orne	03.–00–0
for the land nere Jones nere poplel plain and 22 acres between Samuel lees land and Robert leaches land	21–10–0
at Col°. brown for land	16.–03–6
of hooper for land	07–00–0
	60–01–6

Essex s.s.

To the freeholders being Commoners or proprietors of the Common and undevided land in the township of the town of manchester greting persuant to an act of the generall Court or Asembly of this his mai^s province of the massachusets bay in new England decribing how meetings of proprietors in Common land should be Called upon application mad to me the subscriber one of his mais Justices of the peace for the sd County of Essex by sevrall of the Commoners or proprietors of the town of manchester dated August the 16 : 1718 Desiring that a Commoners or proprietors meeting might be Called thes are therefore in his mais : nam to will and Re-

quire you the Commoners & proprietors in and belonging to the township of manchester to assemble and meet together at the meeting hous in manchester on fryday the twelve day of September next Insuing the Date herein of .at Eight of the Clock in the forenoon .of sd day for the Reasons following vis : to Consider of and make Choyes of a sutable parson for a Commen^r or proprietors Clerk 2ly to Consider and agree about the Disposing of the holl or so much of the Common land as they may think Convenient for the bennefitt of the proprietors of said manchester. 3ly : to Consider of and agree of sum method and way for the Calling of a Commoners or proprietors meeting for the future to M^r. Richard leach of manchester on of the Commoners or proprietors of the town of manchester petitioning or Desiering that a Commoners or proprietors might be Called as above Expressed these are therefore in his mai^jis name to will and Require you forth with to notifie the said Commoners or proprietors that they assemble and meet to gather att time and place as above Exprest hearof you may not faill dated August the 26 : in the first year of his mai^tys Reigne Anno qe Dom 1718

John Newman Jus peace
John Knowlton the proprietors Clerk

[30] the north Devistion so Caled is bounded westerly partly by the bever Dame medow and partly on that land Called the bevere Dame hill and northerly by Ipswich and glocester line Easterly by leachs land Southerly by the north Ends of the South Devistion being 30 ten acre lotts

At a proprietors meetting in manchester september the 12 : 1718 the proprietors of the Common and undevided land in manchester did at sd meting grant to Every proprietor's that lived and Dwelt in manchester in the year 1716. about twenty Acres of land to be leaid out to Every proprietor that had one Right in Common land in manchester or more or less acording to what Right they have theire being 38 Rights in the holl sd land, to be laid out as above sd to the Eastward of a line from our meeting house in manchester to a homlocke tree standing in Ipswich line standing on the norwest of our hemlock plain so Called and the [31] Commete Chose and nemed in this book was fully impowered to lay out Every proprietor his right as above sd and the sd Commete have proseded as folleth in the year 1718 have laid out and bounded 30 : ten Acres lotts upon Ipswich and glocester line Called the north Devistion bounds westwardly partly by the bever Dam meadow the norwest

Corner of the first lott is a pine stump nere whare potters lodgs lay in Ipswich line or a heap of Rocks and a stake South west Cornor bound a stak and stons standing nere the mill pond in the line betwene the South Devistion and north Devistion this first lott is granted to John Knowlton and is 15 : Rod wid at the South End and : 12 : Rod wid at the north End being wider then the Rest becase the bever Dam owners tackes away a strat line on the west side the secont lott in the north Devistion is granted to Col Samuel brown and is. 9. Rod wid at the north End and 3 of a Rod and ten Rod at South End

[37] the South Devistion so colled is bounded northerly by the south Ends of the north Devistion lotes Easterly by Robart leachs old lott southerly by the bryery plain lotts partly and by bears land and Jones land and pople plain and westerly partly by the way by Jones and partly by the bever Dame Revier whar the mill stands

[85] At a broprietors meeting in manchester September the 12 : 1718 we the subcribers being Chosen to lay out and Devid to Every proprietor in manchester according to his intrest sum Common land in the township of manchester according to what has ben stated upon them formerly in our town book we the subcribers as above sd have leyd out the East part of our Common land to Every man acording as the land was in quality it being all that land in manchester that was agreed upon to be leyd out at the above sd meeting September 12 1718 acording to the bounds of the East part of our Common Decribed and perfixt by the proprietors at the above sd meeting September 12 : 1718 and all the land Recorded to Any proprietor shall be to them to theire heirs and Assignes for Ever and we order John Knowlton the proprietors Clerk to Record Every mans lott in this book as he is ordered to Do and we have bounded out five lotts to Every Singell Right five lotts besides the pond Dated in Manchester Desember the twentyeth 1718 we the Subcribers are the Commete.

the mark of R Robert leach senior

Samuel lee Senior

the mark of O John Allen senior
the mark B of beniemen Allen
Robert leach iunior
John bishop
Aaron bennet
Richard leach

John Knowlton the proprietors Clerk

[87] At a meeting of the proprietors of manchester June 21: 1723 it was voted and agreed that the freeholders here Exprest should have one Right in our undevided Common land that leyes to the East ward of a strate line from our meeting hous to a hemlock standing on the westerly sid of hemlock plain in Ipswich line Excepting what land was granted to the proprietors in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighteen September the twelve that to be Cumpleted and then the parsons herein named are to have one Right with the old Commoners tell they make up one hundred and then to be admited no more as it is Exprest in this book

the new Commoners

Widow Knight	Robert warin	John Knowlten iunior
John Knight	John peirs	Siblee letelfeild
William hooper	Ezikeil goodell	Widow mastes
Samuel Stone	John osment	thomas pitman
Samuel bear	nath^{ll} lee	Mathew Coye
John foster	John hascoll	Thomas Tuxbury
Samuel allen sen^{r}	Epr^{r}. Jones	John Knowlten the
Samuel allen iun^{io}	Richard peirs	proprietors Clerk
Jeremiah hebert	Isaac whiter	
John hill	thomas ayrs	
John Day	David preson	
Jabez Dodge	Daniel Williams	
John tarin	phillip nicols	
Edward lee	William hillton	

[93] At A proprietors meeting in manchester March the tweleve 1723 beniemin Allen Chose Moderatior for sd meeting then at sd meeting Recked with John Knowlton the proprietors Clerk for what money he had Received or what money was Du from him to the proprietors of the Common land in manchester for land or money by him Recived and Du to him three pound Eight shillings for which three pounds Eight Shilling it was voted and agreed at sd meeting that John Knowlton should have all that Common land betwene nicoles land bought of sd Knowlton and nortones land bounded Eastwardly by bennets land alowing all nedefull ways over sd land as parsons have ocation

John Knowlton the proprietors Clek

At the above said meeting the proprietors Desired the Clerke to Read to them what lotts of land were Entered in this book and All the Entry of land sold or Recorded to any proprietor were

Read in sd meeting and a vote past on it to confeirm to Every man or parsen what land was here in Recorded to them that it should be to them and there heirs for Ever and all lotts not Drawed should be Drawn and Entered lickewise John Knowlton the proprietors Clerk

[95] Att a proprietors meeting in manchester being legally warned and mette together in June 22 1724 John allen sen^{r} Chose modrater att the above sd meeting John lee senior John lee iunior Jabez Dodge John foster John allen sen^{r} Samuel lee senior and John bishop shall be a Com^{ett} to Renew bounds betwen our Common land and the Eighty-one Acres in brushe plain and the Commeetety are to make Return of there Doings there in: at the above sd meeting Jabez Dodge was Chose proprietors Clerk

[99] At a Proprietors meeting Legaly warned & met to gether on Nov^{br} 19th, 1724, John Bishop was Chosen Moderator, and the sd Meeting was ajourn'd to y^{e} 1st Day of Dec$^{br.}$ following. Att a propr^{s} Meetting Legally warned & met to gether by ajournment on Dec$^{br.}$ 1, 1724 In order to Despose of or Settel all undisposed or unsettled peice of Land. & it was voted that a Commitee should be chosen to manage any such matter or thing and it was fully agreed, And voted that Mr Aaron Bennet John Foster & Benj^{a} Allen & fully Impowred to be a com^{tee} for the purpose a for sd also to notifie, any Lott or lotts make & renew bounds in any Devision where & when the proprietors shall find ocation there for.

Whereas there has been several Lotts of vpland, swamp & meadow ground sittuate in ye Township of Manch^{r}. Formerly Granted by ye sd Town, and have been possesed by the former persons to whom sd Lotts or percels of land were granted to: But severall of the present possesers thereof laying Claim thereto by virtue of such grant, from sd Town or purchess thereof cannot peaceably & quietly enjoy & Improve their full lotts or proportions of land according to grant or purchess by reason of the Com^{tte} Neglect which laid out such Lotts, or percels of land in not making or not entring the perticuler bound, of each pertial lott belonging to ye proprietor, or prop^{rs} thereof on ye sd Towns or, prop^{rs} Book of Records; and neither former nor latter Com^{tes} have finished & compleated the work: Therefore, Att a prop^{rs} Meeting in sd Town legally warned & mett together on the 22nd Day of March, 1724–5 John Lee Jun Mod^{r} it was tho^{t} highly Necesary to chose a Com^{tee} to make and renew bounds where former Com^{tee} have not finished & compleated

the work and it was agreed, voted & concluded that Mr John Foster John Bishop, & John Lee Junr should be the Com^{tee} to finish & compleat the work where it was wanting (& all or ye Maj^{r} part of ye Intrested persons desiring ye same) and the sd Com^{tee} are hereby fully Impowered to do ye sd work & to make return of there doings which is to be in, & after ye most just & compleat way & maner as posably by them can or may be done, and ye same being entred on ye s^{d} Town or prop^{rs} Records shall be an entire & compleat settlement thereof the same to be done att ye cost and Charge of ye Prop^{rs} thereof.

[103] A Copy of Ephraim Joanes House lot, grant, viz. Att the same Meetting of the proprietors of ye Common Lands in Manch. January the twenty eight 1700–1. Whereas Ephraim Joanes then desired a little spot of Common land, might be given to him: he not being able to purchess it. Itt was voted by ye sd Proprietors at the s'd Meetting & granted the said Joanes and his Heirs foreuer A Certain spot or poynt of vpland lying from the Northeasterly end of the bridge Caled by the Name of Joaneses bridge on ye easterly side of ye way that goeth to Chebacco: that is to say all ye s'd poynt near the first Hill of Rocks on ye North of s'd land: and so all said spot of vpland between ye way that goeth to Chebacas afore s'd being ye bounds of the s'd land, on the West side, and a brook bounding on ye east side of s'd land: The s'd Joanes & his Heirs for ever to leave out so much land between the s'd Rocks & his land granted to him as above s'd as may be sufficient for a Cart-way and also a drift-way for Cattel to have three or free course to the Common lands.

This a true Copy taken out of ye Origenal Dated Ap^{ll} 28. 1701 Vote by ye Prop.^{rs} as above s'd as it stands Recorded. As Attest by me Thomas West Clerk to ye said Proprietors.

[104] The Petition of we the subscribers unto Mr John Foster Commoners Clerk in Manchester these are to Desire that you would warn a Commoners Meeting forthwith to Chose a Commoners Clerk and to Receive in all the Claims proved by the Commoners too their Rights of said Common Land in the undivided Common in Manchester & to Divide s.^{d} Commons into ten Lots to a Division or any other way of Division that shall be thought Advisable at said meeting and to Chose a Committe to Divide said Common as shall be agreed upon at said meeting and to Raise money for to Defray what Charges Shall arise by such Division as shall be agreed

upon Either by selling sum of the Common or taxing Each Common Right or any other way that shall be agreed upon at said Meeting and to do any other Business at said meeting that shall be Necessary for a Division of said Common Land in manchester as well not mentioned in this petition as mentioned as witness our hands - Manchester 18 Feb.^{r} 1763.

Warning Given According to the within
Reten Pertiction
pr. John ffoster Clerk
Dated at Manchester ye 9 March 1763

John Lee Junr
Thos Lee
John Lee Ju^{r}
Stephen Allen
Sam^{ll} Lee
Jonathan Herrick
John Tewxbury

Attest John Tewxbury
proprietors Clerk

[107] Att a propritors Meting one the twelveth Day of Octo^{r} 1730 by a Gorn-ment from Sep^{t} 11–1730 Mr Aaron Benniot moderater for that Meting frist it was Voted that Euery freholder and propretor Now Dwelling in the town of Manch^{r} shall have a Common Right in all our Undevided land in ye town of Manch^{r} to ye west ward of ye line from ye metting House to Ipswich bound. Secondly it was voted that a Commity should be Chousen to go to Masuer the Commons and undivid land and to take a platt of sd land and Bring it to the propritors of sd land thirdly it was voted tha John ffoster shuld be the Man to Masuer or serva the Common land afor sd fourthly it was voted that Mr Aaron Bennit Mr Benj^{a} Allin John Lee J^{r} Jeremiah Hiberd Ezeckiel Goodell as ye Commity afor sd to Du that servies in servaing ye land fiftly it was voted that ye Commity should Make Return of ther Douing as soune as mite be sixly it was voted that seven of ye propritors shall appley to ye Clark of ye propritors for a worront to worn a prop^{s} Meting from time to time

Entred one Record
Nov. 6th–1730

Attest John ffoster prop^{rs} Clark

[108] Att a Propritors Meting Legally worned and Meett to Gather one ye teenth Day of November one thousand seven hundred and thirty Mr Aaron Bennit Chosen Moderator for that meting firsly it was voted that our Common and undevided land with in a Cyrcitt shuld be fenced in from the walnut stump by ye sutey of the Lotts to Ipswich line thance from sd line to ye Este Side of Seder Swomp thance by sd swomp to will^{m} Jones fence Sen^{d}y it was voted to agorne the Meting to sixteenth Day of Nov^{m} Next

1730 one sd sixteenth Day Metting to Gather Mr Bennit afore sd Moderator it was voted to Ad Richard Leach Robert Hirrick to the Commty which was Chousen Att a meting the twelth of Octo one thousand seven hundred thirty: it was voted that s'd Commity shuld make search in the town Book of Records in Manch^{r} to find out the propritors Rights and how many Rights 3 it was voted to a Gorne the Metting to the twenty fourth Day of Nov— Next 1730 one s'd twenty 1th Day Metting to Gather Mr Bennit afor s'd Moderator it was voted and agreed upon to sell sum small peices of the Common land to Defray the Commety charges and searvicaing the land ye land voted to be sold is as fouth Viz one peice laying betwen Mr Aaron Bennits farm and the lotts by Brushey plan hills also one peice laying betwen Northan farm and sd Bennit lotts and thomas Tuxbrey lott and other lotts also sum Common land laying between John Lee Jun land and pitmans land— it was voted that Mr Aaron Bennit John Lee Jun and Ezickel Goodell to be a Commity in full power to seel the aboue sd Common land it was voted to a Gorn the Metting unto March ninth Anauel Metting Nex Ensuing &c Entred one Record N^{ov} 26, 1730

We who name are under Riten being a Commty Chousen And apointed to Masuer and bring to the proprs a Draft of the Common and undevid land in Manch^{r} westward from a line from the Metting House to hemlock plane to a hemlock tree marked oen Ipswich line and so upon sd linee to ye Este side of the Seder Swomp thance by sd swomp and so turning Down to Willm Jones fence and Metting to Gather one sixteenth Day of Octo— 1730: and sarvaing the Common land from the Meting westward to sd Ipswich line and finding the Common land to be aboute three hundred and three Acers with the Berbury Mash also being Chousen to make Carch in Manch^{r} town Book of Records to find out how many Common Right was Granted to the Old propritors When vpon one seventeen day of Nov. Makeing Search and finding thirty Eight Right Granted to the Old prop^{rs} in the year 1694–5 and twenty Eight Right Aded to sd Com^{mrs} and thirty three Right Granted to the vn Commoners in the propritors Book

This Return Entred Nov: 27th 1730 Mr. Aaron Bennet

Commity Men
- Benj^{a} B A Allin
- Ezickiel Goodell
- Jeremiah Habreed
- John Lee jun^{r}
- Richard Leach

Att a prop^{rs} metting one y^{e} twentyth of Oct 1730 and A Gorned to March y^{e} ninth 1730$_{31}$ Mr Aaron Bennit Moder^{r} for that present meting 1 was Voted to Chuse a Commity to settle Bounds betwen any Common land and the propritor land and also to Look after any enCrochment upon the Common and undevided Land In seting up any fence or making any Emprovment thereof Chosen D^{n} Sam^{ll} Lee D^{n} Benj^{a} Allin Mr Aaron Bennit Ezeckil Goodell and John ffoster for Commity men 2ly it was Voted to Jeornd ye metting to may ye 31th Metting to Gather one ye 31th of May 1731 it was voted that ye Commity aboue s'd Chosen give Deeds of Sal and Conferm to any parsen such Common land that shuld be made appear Common to ye East word [110] of ye Line that Runs from ye metting House throu Hemlock plane to Ipswich line it was voted to a Jeorned ye Meeting to ye Six of Sept. Metting to Gather one Six Day of September 1731 and a Jeorne ye metting to ye sixteenth of Sept. Instant Metting to Gather one ye sixteen day of September 1731 it was voted that the abue sd Commity shuld Leet out Lettel Crow Iland at Kettel Cove in Manchester to any parson that will apear to hier it was voted to a Jeorne ye metting to ye first Day of November Metting to Gather one first Day 1731 and a Jerond to ye Eleventh Day of Nov— 1731

Metting to Gather one ye Eleventh Day of Novr 1731 it was Voted to Chuse Mr Aaron Bennit John Foster and Thomas Lee for a Commity to go and get Aratickles of a Gremen^{t} Draun up in order to fence ye undivided land with sum propriters Lott and to go to every mans House to see who would be willing to fence ye land in order for a generl pastuer &c &c and a Jeroned ye meeting to ye thirtyth Day of November 1731 Metting to Gather one thirty Day of November 1731 Mr Aaron Bennet Moderater it was Voted and a Gread upon that ye Articlts of A Grement then Drawn up and signed for fencing the undivided land with lotts within the Scircl shuld fourwith be lade out and propotioned to every man his part according to his Right and Interest. Mr Aaron [111] Bennit John ffoster and Thomas Lee who ware Chosen for a Commety to Du that work and service to the best of ther Judment it was voted and a greed upon to a Jerone the Metting to Tuesday ye 21th Day of Desember 1731 Metting together one ye twenty first Day of December 1731 it was voted and a greed upon in General to Admit one Common Right in the Undivided land in Manchester in the west part of the Commons to Thomas Tuxbrey, and the metting was A Jeorned to ye Last Mounday in Jeneway 1731 at teen

of Clock in the forenoon Mr Aaron Bennit Moderator for that present metting it was voted to Chuse a Commity to Stent and propotion the General paster in our town of Manchester ther portion of stock to ye Intrest in ye Grate and Genoreel paster so Called

Robert Hirrick	Nath^{ll} Marsters
Thomas Lee	Sam^{ll} Morgain
Ezeckell Goodell	Sam^{ll} Lee Jun

and John ffoster Commity men for that service
it was Voted to a Jeorn ye Metting to ye Second Monday in March 1731–2

[114] We the Subscribers being A Commity Chosen and Empowred to Make Sarch and to Sattel bounds betwen any Common Land and the propriters & wherupon we perseded and finding three pecies of Common Land laying in the westerly part of our town of manchester as fowlleth one peice laying at the Southerly ends of Severall lotts on at the end of Mr Aaron Bennit lott and thomas Tuxbrey lott Shadrach Norton lott and Richard Coy lott about seventy pole thence about fourty seven pole one Este sid of John Lee Junr land & about twnty four pole one ye north side of Benj^{a} prason land & thence about thirty two pole one the west side of Isaac whetter land to a stomp and stons thence about thirtty two pole one north sid of Shadrach Norton land to a stomp and stons thence about five pol to the feets of lotts first Menchened — and from Mr Bennit sou-west Corner bounds by y^{e} foots of servall lott to Nath^{ll} Marsters bounds is about Eighty Eight pole to a ok stomp and stons from sd stomp the popler tree is about seventy five pole Norwesterly = another pece of Common land as fowleth about thirty four pole one y^{e} este side of nath^{ll} Marsters land to a stomp & stons about twenty seven pole one y^{e} north side of Glace Garden so Called to a Stake & Stons thence about twenty three pole one y^{e} way therby side of pitman land to a Stake & Stons thence about twenty three pole one ye souvely side of John Lee Junr land to Marsters land afor sd another peice of Common land laying at and near Brushew plane Described in page 115

Entred one Record ye 10th of April 1732 { Aaron Bennit, John ffoster, Benj^{a} B A Allin, Ezeckel mark Goodell } Commity Men

[115] We the subscribers being A Commity Chosen and Empowered to sell sum small parsels of Common and undivided land

in ye wast part of our town of Manche^{r}s to Defra Chrges arising in servaing & perpotioning the General paster and other Charges ther about same Wherupon Making Sarch and finding three peces of Common land as fowleth one peice laying one the south end of Left Bennits lott thomas Tuxbrey lott and Norton lott Richard Coye lott about seventy pole and y^{n} about fourty seven pole one Easte side of John Lee Junr land and about twenty four pole one the north side of Benj^{a} presons land & about thrty two pole one west side of Isaac whiter land & about thirty two pole one ye north side of Northon land to be about Eight to Acors Another pieces of Common land laying about thirty four pole one East side of Nathaniel Marsters land to a whit oke stomp thenc about twenty seven pole to pitman bounds by Glass Garden thence by pitman land about twenty three pole to John Lee Jun land thence by s'd Lee land twenty three pole to Nathl Marsters afor sd and is about three acres Another peice of Common land laying at Brushe plane about fourty Eight pole by the Easterly end of the Lott thence about thirty Eight pol nothly to a hemlock one the Line of the Brushe plane Division thence about twenty seven pole North westerly to a heep of stons thence fouer pole to the feets of the Lotts and Contain three Acors ½

[116] All said peices of land sold to Mr Aaron Bennit he Being the higest Beder Entred one Record y^{e}Aprul ye nintenth 1732 } John Lee Junr Aaron bennet Ezekeel Goodell } Commetey Men

Metting to Gather one the Eight Day of May 1732 Mr Aaron Bennit Moderator for this Present meting it was Voted in General by the propritors y^{t} the Settelment and Regalation of the Grate paster in the town of Manch^{r} to be in full force according to the Artickles of a Grement and settlement in porpotion to every subcribers Intriest for the year 1732 by the Commity

Nath^{ll} Marsters
Sam^{ll} Morgan
Sam^{ll} Lee Jun
Robt Herrick
Thomas Lee
Ezickell Goodell
John ffoster

At ye same meting it was voted to sal a small peice of Common Land in the west part of ye town laying by and betwen land of John Woodbrey and Land of Samuell Allin sen laying by land of William Hillton and ye hy way that go's to Black Cove voted Benj^{a} Allen John Lee Junr and Thomas Lee

for a Commity to sal said land: and a Jeorned ye meting to y^e: 15 Day of May Instant Meeting to gather one ye 15 Day of may 1732 Mr Aaron Bennit Moderator for this present meting it was voted that Sam^ll Bear and John Edwards should have Liberty to throw in ther Rite and Intrest of ye Berbry marsh in to the Grate paster for Eighteen pence profet for every Acor for this year 1732 in parstoring any Creater at ye same meting it was voted by the propritors then presant to sal Ram Island so Called to ye hyest bider. voted Benj^a Allen Sam^ll Lee Junr and Ezeckell Goodell for a Commity to sal said Island at ye same meting it was voted that all Nescary Charges of the sevearl Commitys in Renewing and sateling of Bounds saling of sum parasels of Common land in the weste part of ye town and Charges Relating to y^e Grate paster in Every Artickel Should be paid and a lowed to the Commity from the sixteen^th Day October 1730 to the fifteen^th Day of may 1732

[119] Wheras ther was a Commite Chosen to lett out little Crow Iland at Kittle Cove to Samuell Morgan for five year for twenty five shilling per year £6=5=0 and s'd morgan paid in the mony to the Commite on the Eleven^th Day of Dec^er 1738 and then leveing the mony with John ffoster the propritors Clark to Defray Charges as folloth July 11th 1739 then paid to John Hill Inholder for the Commite Charge at several times 2=0=0 Oct. 1-1730= the propritors of Manchester are Indated to Jabez Dodge the former Clark for his servise as Doth apear: Delevered to Recd to the sum of £1=6=6 the propritors of manchesters Common and undivided land are Indated to me John ffoster ther Clark from the sixth of november: 1730 to July 11: 1739: for worning of Metting at tending Righting, Recording on Book £2=16—0 to Riting the Lease to Sam^ll Morgan of Crow Iland and Expence Sept: 20: 1731 0=7=6

March: y^e Eighteen 1739-40 paid for y^e Commety Excpence at John Hills by ther order £0=8=3 and from July the leven^th 1739: nothing has ben allow me for the time Being

John ffoster Clark

Att a propritors meting legally worned and Met togather on Tuesday the twenty ninth of march 1743 Capt. Aaron Bennit was Chosen Moderator for that present meting 1ly it was voted unanomasly by all the propritors then present that the Inhabitance of town ship of Manchester shall be co equel sharses with us the old propritors in that part of Common land if any be found laying on

Ipswich line or otherwise we quit it to the town use and Benefit for the Inhabitance &c John ffoster Clark

[121] Att a Commoners or a pritors metting legailely worned and mette To gather one mondday the sixte of march Ano 1753 1ly Voted Jonathan Herrick to be moderater for that presente Metting: 2ly Voted by us the Commoners of the Town of Manchester to recuive from the Town of manchester all the lands that the Commoners gavie to the Town of manchester att a Commoners metting on Tusday the twenty ninth of March Anº 1743 3ly Voted that Col. Benjª maston Mr John Foster Capt John Lee Mr Thomas lee: Capt Samll lee Samll Allin the Second and Deaⁿ Jonathan Herrick to be a Committee fully authorized and impowred to manage and settle the Controversy Betwen us and the parsons that have entreed upon parte of this Township and holds the Commons or pritors out of yᵉ same also to manage settle or Compound the matter with them or acquit or set—hereby giveing our said Comtee full power lawfull Athority to use any or all proper law full means what so ever for affecting the same or obtaning the possition of the land snached from us by the Commoners of Ipswich or any persen or persons what so ever and if need be in order theirto to appear in our name and behalf before any Courte legislative or Executive to petision Claime Demaind or sue for the Recovery of our Right in the land before menchend and to prosecute the same to final Final Judment and Execution Hereby giveing to our said Comitie power and authority of making an attorny or attornys under them with Ferther power of substitution and to prosecut and mange the affair above menched in all Respects in as full and ample a maner as the Commeners or perpriters Could in any wise Do by any act or vote of thier one

[122] 4ly wherfore voted that the propritors of the Common lands in manchester will Duly and truly Execute to the Town of manchester an atentick Deed or Deeds of the lands above mentiched when ever they shall be Recovered in possion of the propritors of the Common land in manchester afore said John ffoster Thomas lee and Jonathan Herrick ware a Committe Chosen to give good law full Deed or Deeds of the lands above mentichened when soever the land shall be Recovered and in possesion of the Commoners of Manchester John ffoster Clerk

Att a proprietors Meeting, in manchester Leagally warned & met to gether on thursday the tenth Day of March 1763 Deacon

Jonathan Herrick Chosen Moderator for said Meeting John Tewxbury Chosen proprietors Clerk: Deacon Jonathan Herrick Lieut. Thomas Lee John Tewxbury ware Chosen a Commitee to Examin the Claims of the proprietors of the undivided Common Lands in manchester—Deacon Jonathan Herrick Lieut. Thomas Lee Stephen Allen Andrew Woodberry and John Tewxbury ware Chosen a Commitee to Measure the undivded Common Land & to Return a plan of the same to ye proprietors the Moderater was Pleased to ajoirn said meeting to the twenty fifth Day of May 1763 at Eight O Clock in the Morning.

[123] At a proprietors meeting on the 25 Day of May 1763 mett on an Journment was voted as follows (viz) 1st Voted and agreed to add 28 Rights to the old Commoners which with the New Commoners make 100 Rights 2ly Voted to Divide said Comon Land into ten Divisions 3ly. Voted and Choosen for a Commite to Divide said Common Land into the Division Deacon Jonathan Herrick Deacon John Allen Mss. Andrew Woodberry Daniel Edwards & John Tewxbury. 4ly Voted to ajourn the meeting to the Last monday of october in 1763 at Eight O'Clock in ye morning We the subscribers being Chosen a Commetee at a proprietors Meeting in manchester on the 25 Day of may 1763 to Divide all the Common Land in said manchester into ten Equil Divisions for Quantity & Quality which we had done in the following Manner.

[128] At a Proprietors Meeting in manchester on the fifth Day of December 1763 on an ajournment was voted as followeth (viz) to Ajourn the Meeting to the Second Monday of February 1764 at 12 o'clock a noon

At a proprietors Meeting in Manchester Mett to gether on an ajournment on Monday the 13 Day of Feby 1764. 1^ly Voted and Cosen Deacon Jonathan Herrick Andrew Woodberry & John Tewxbury for a Commitee to Tax Each Common Right the proportionable part of the sum of three pound Eleven shillings & foure pence Lawful money 2ly Voted John Tewxbury to be a Collecttors to Collect such sum or sums as shall be Laid upon Each Common Rite. 3ly Voted that the Committee formerly Chosen to Receive the Claims shall still be a Commitee to Receive them till all the Right be Claimed and to Enter them in the proprietors Book 4ly Voted to Ajourn the Meeting to the first Monday of Frebruary 1765 at two o'clock in the after noon and then Met and the Moderator was pleased to Adjourn the Meeting to the first Day of

January 1766 at two O'Clock after Noon Att a Meeting of the Proprietors of the Common Lands in Manchester Legaly Warned & met together on Tuesday the twenty Eight day of Frebruary 1769 1ly Voted Ensign Andrew Woodbury Moderater 2ly Voted unanimously that the Division of the Common Lands in Manchester made in the Year 1763 shall be Confirmed and stand as it was then Divided 3ly Voted that the Proprietors that had no Right in Kittle Cove pond or thatch Lotts shall have Little Crow Island in Lieu thereof, 4ly Voted to the Town of said Manchester a way from the North East Corner of the Lot belonging to the Heirs of Thomas Lee Ju^{n} Dec.^{d} to the West Division Lotts

John Tewxbury Pro^{r} Clerk

PART II.

FOURTH BOOK OF RECORDS FROM 1736 TO 1786.

As it would require some two hundred pages to make a transcript of the original Rate Lists, it was thought best to print but one in full, and in each succeeding year to add the new names. In that way the genealogist's labor would be lightened and nothing of importance omitted. Several constables' receipts were for the same reason not copied.

[2] Att a Town Meeting in Manchester Leagely warned & meett to gather on ye 9 Day of March 1735–6 in order to Chuse Town Officers to Sarve s^d town the year in suing Firstly Decken Benj Allen was Chosen Moderater for said Meetting 2 Ly was chosen for Select Men Decken Benj Allen^s John Foster^s sen. & Thomas Lee^s 3ly chosen for Town Clerk Sam^ll Lee^s Jun 4ly Chosen for Constable for the year insuing John Osment^s 5ly Chosen for Town Tres^r John Foster^s sen 6ly voated to du all the other town bisnes by a hand vote & chuse the Rest of Town officers 7ly Chosen for survayrs of highways Andrew Hooper^s Benj Allen^s Jun & Isaril Foster^s & Abrham Marsturs^s 8ly was chosen for howhords Edward Lee^s Natha^ll Marsturs^s Sam^ll Carter^s John Webber^s sen^r 9ly chosen for Hog reves Richard Coy^s John Osment^s Jonathan Herrick^s Jeremiah Hibert^s sen 10ly Chosen for Survayrs of Fences Natha^ll Marsturs^s Jeremiah Hibert^s sen^r & Robert Herrick^s 11ly voted that swine should go at Large the year Insuing being yoked & Ringed as the law Directs 12ly Chosen for Tithen Men Tranance Webber^s John Tuck^s & Solomon Driver^s 13ly Chosen for Clark of the Market Robert Herrick^s 14ly Chosen Survayr of hemp & flex Robert Herrick 15th Chose Sealer of Leather Benj Lee 16ly Cho-

sen for Mesuar & Sealer of Cordwood Benj Allen 17Ly the Select Men this Day Chosen shall be asesors for the year insuing 18Ly voted to Tax the Town £90 for the Rev Mr Ames Chever for his Covenanted Sallery for the year insuing 19Ly voted to Tax the Town £50 & Give the said £50 to the Rev Mr Chever to Make up the Defferance of the badnes of Province Bills 20Ly voted to Tax the Town £50 for the support of a free schoole or schools in Manch^{r} voted by Sam^{ll} Lee Jun & Benj allen sen to Imploy the money to support a free schoole it all be to support a Schoole Master & the Rest of the Town voted in the negetive 21ly voted that the £50 voted for the support a free schoole in Manchester the one half of s^{d} £50 to be Expended to support 4 schoole Dams to keep a free schoole one at that part of our town caled Nuport & one in that part of our Town near the Meeting house & one in that part of our town Caled the plans & one in that part of our town Caled Cittal Cove the other half of s^{d} £50 to be Expended to support a schoole master to keep a free schoole in the schoole house in manchester in the fall & winter seson voted that Natha^{ll} Marsturs Robert Herrick & William Hooper Jun shall be a Committee to provide schoole Dams & a Schoole Marstur for the year in suing: as far forth as the £50 before voted will go to Defray the Charge in the manner a foresaid 22Ly voted to Tax the Town £25 to Defray all other nesary Town Charges 22 it was Voted in the negetive not to Divide the County of Essex Voted that Nathanail Marsturs Sam^{ll} Lee Jun and Robert Herrick shall a Committee to Draw up the Reasens whie we are Not for Dividing the s^{d} County [3] 23Ly voted that the vots for the Building of a wharff in Manchester shall all be in force for one year next in suing 24Ly Voted that the wharff when Bult shall be under the Reglation of the Select men of said Town 25 Voted that if Abrham Marsturs Edward Lee & Robert Knowlton shall pay Into the Town Tres^{r} £6– at or before the vi day of this instant March that it shall be in full for the reant that shall then be Com Du by the Improvement of the Schoole Land in Manchester 26 voted that if the afores^{d} persens shall neglect or Refuse to pay the 6 pounds afore said that then the Town Tres^{r} shall put in — their Lease & shall not take Leas then the hole that shall be Come Du by their Lease

Att a Town Meeting in Manchester Leagaly warned & Met to Gather on the tenth Day of May 1736 In order to Chuse one Sutable person Being a Free holder & Resident in the Town of Man-

chester to Represent us at the Grate & Genaral Court to be Held & Keept at Boston on the twenty sixth Day of this Instant May firstly Thomas Lee was Chesen Moderator for this present Meeting 2ly voted in the Negetive Not to send any person to Represent us at said Gennarl Court as haveing the Liberty by the Law so to Do & not being able to support the Charges 3Ly that Mr Natha^{ll} Marsturs Capt. Natha^{ll} Lee & Robert was chosen a Commitee to Cose to be put in or put in to the Grate & Genaral Court to be held & keep at the Court house in Boston in the province of the Massachutes Bay in New England a partishon in said Touns behalf In order to obtain sum abatement on our part of s^{d} Province Tax for the year Last past & also for sum abatement for the present year of what It was the Last year

Att a Town Meeting in Manchester Leagely warned & meett to Gather on the 20 Day of Decr 1736 In order to Chuse Jury Men one to Sarve on the Grand Jury for the year in suing & the other two men on the Jury of Tryals at Salem at the Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Salem within & for the County of Essex on the Last Tusday of this Instant Decr firstly Thomas Lee was Chosen Moderater for s^{d} Meeting 2Ly Robert Herrick was chosen to sarve on the Grand Jury for the year insuing 3Ly Jonathan Herrick & Tranance Weebber was Chosen to sarve on the s^{d} Jury of tryals.

[4] Att a Town Meeting In Manchester Leggel Warned & Meett To gather In Manchester on the 14th Day of March 1736–7 In order to chuse Town officers to sarve said Town the year Insuing firstly Capt: Aaron Bennet was chosen Moderater for said Meeting 2Ly John Foster^{s} sen John Lee^{s} Jun & Sam^{ll} Lee^{s} Jun was chosen Select men 3Ly Sam^{ll} Lee^{s} Jun was chosen Town Clerk 4ly Natha^{ll} Lee was Chosen Cunstable & he higherd Richard Coy^{s} to sarve in rume & sd Town Excepted him & he sarved for s^{d} Lee 5Ly John Foster s^{r} was chosen Town Tres^{r} 6Ly to Du all other Towns bisnes In Chusing Town Officers &c by hand vote 7Ly Benj Lee^{s} Sam^{ll} Morgen^{s} Robert Knowlton^{s} And Sam^{ll} Lee^{s} ye 3 was Chosen Survayrs of high ways 8Ly Edward Lee^{s} Benj allen^{s} Junr andrew Hooper^{s} & William Badcock^{s} was Chosen Howards—9Ly Robert Herrick^{s} John Knight & Richard Coy^{s} was Chosen survayrs of fences—10Ly Thomas Lee Jonathan Allen Senr Benj Allen^{s}

Senr & Joseph Lee was Chosen Hogreeves 11Ly voated that swine may go at Large the year insuing being yoked & Ringed as the Law Directs—12Ly William Joans Abrham Marsturs & Richard Day was Chosen tithing Men—14Ly Robert Herrick was Chosen Survayr of Hemp & flax

15Ly Benj Lee Chosen Sealer of Lather

16Ly Benj Allen s^{r} & Sam^{ll} Morgen was Chos mesuerss & Sealers of Cordwood 17Ly the Select Men this Day Chosen shall be asesors for the year insuing 18Ly voted to they shall Tax the Town £90—for the Rev. Mr Ames Chever for his Covennanted Sallary for the year In suing 19Ly voate that they shall Tax the Town £60—& Give the Sixty pounds to the Rev^{r} Mr Ames Chever to make up for the sinking of our Province Bills—20Ly voted to have a schoole Master for the year in suing—21Ly voted by 21 voters for to Tax the Town £60 to support a schoole Master in Manchester the year insuing & 16 men voted in the negetive—Sam^{ll} Lee Jun promised to Give £12 pounds to the suport woomans schools Natha^{ll} Marsturs 20 shillings & Natha^{ll} Lee Ditto 20 / shillings & Sam^{ll} Morgen Ditto 10/ shillings Robert Herrick Ditto 10/ shillings Thomas Lee Ditto 10/ shillings to support woomans schooles 22Ly voted that Natha^{ll} Marsturs Samuel Morgen & Jonathan Herrick shall be a Committee to a Gree with a Schoole Mastur to keep a free schoole In Manchester the year Insuing & Also to a gree with sum Womans to keep a free schoole or schools as far forth as the Money above promised will Go in Defraying that Charge—23Ly voted that the asesors shall Tax the Town £40—to Defray all other Nessary Town Charges—24Ly voted that the asesors a fors^{d} shall Tax the Town this year £50—to Defray the Charges of Bulding & Compleeting the Town Wharff as far as it will go—

[5] 25Ly voted that benj Allen s^{r} & Robert Herrick shall joyne with the former Comity in the bulding & Compleeting the said Town Wharff.

Att a Town Meeting in Manchester Leagally warned & meet to gether on the Ninth Day of May Anno Domine 1737 In order to Chuse one Parson to Represent our Town at a grate & General Court or asembly to be Convened & keept for his Majesties Service at the Court house in Boston on wednesday 25 Day of this instant May. Firstly John Lee Junr was Chosen Moderater for the said

meeting 2Ly Voted in the negative not to send any Parson to Represent our Town in Said Court as haveing the Liberty so to do and not being able to support the Charge theirof.

Att a Town meeting in Mancter Leagally warned & mett Togetheir on the 4 Day of July Anno Domini 1737 In order to chuse Jurymen to Cerve on the Jury of Tryals at the next Inferior Court to be holden at Salem on the Second Tusday of this Instant July Firstly John Foster sen^{r} was Chosen Moderator for s^{d} meeting 2Ly Solomon Driver & Joseph Woodbury was Chosen to Sarve at said Court on the Jury of Tryals Att a Town meeting in Mancter Leagaly warned and mett togetheir on the Twenty sixth Day of Dec^{mr} 1737 In order to Chuse Jurymen Firstly Benj^{a} Allen Sr Chosen moderater for said metting 2Ly William Hooper Junr was Chosen to sarve on the Grand Jury for the year Insuing 3Ly the List offered to the Town for Jurymen was Excepted & Voted by said Town Capt. John Knowlton & John Woodbury was Drawn out of the Boyx to Sarve on the Jury of Tryals at the next Inferiour Court to be Holden at Salem on the Last Tusday of this Instant Dec^{mr}

Att a Town Meeting In Mancter Leagelly Warned and Meett together on the Thirteenth of March Anno Domini 1737 In order to Chuse Town officers to Sarve said Town the year Insuing Firstly John Lee Junr was Chosen moderatour for said meeting 2Ly Chosen Selectmen Richard Coy^{s}, Jeremiah Hibbert^{s} Robert Herick^{s}. [6] 3Ly Chosen Town Clerk Sam^{ll} Lee^{s} 4Ly Chosen for Constable for the year Insuing Benj. Presson^{s} 5Ly Chosen for Town Treasurer John Foster^{s} sen^{r} 6Ly Voted to do all the other Town Business by a hand vote and Chuse the Rest of Town officers &c. 7Ly Chosen Servayers of Highways: Richard Coy^{s} Richard Day^{s} Jonathan Allen^{s} Senr, Richard Leach^{s} 8Ly Chosen for Howards: Joseph Woodbury^{s}, John Lee^{s} ye 3^{d}, John Orsment^{s}, Andrew Hooper^{s}, 9Ly Chosen for Hogreves Capt. John Knowlton^{s} Sam^{ll} Lee ye 3^{d}, John Foster^{s} sen. John Tarrin. 10Ly Chosen for Survayers of Fences Captn Aaron Bennet^{s}, Benj^{a} Allen^{s} s^{r} Nathaniel Marsturs^{s} Sam^{ll} Morgen^{s}. 11Ly voted that Swine Shall go at Large being yoked & Ringed as the law Directs the year Insuing 12Ly Choesn Tithen men: John Edwards^{s}, John Hill^{s} sen^{r} Stephen Allen^{s}: 13Ly Chosen

Clark of the Market Robert Herrick[s] 14Ly Chosen Sealer of Leather Benj.[s] Lee[s] 15Ly Chosen Measures of Wood & Sealers, Thomas Lee Jonathan Herrick[s] 16Ly Chosen Measurer and Marker of Timber John Edwards[s] 17Ly Chosen Pound Keper John Lee y[e] 3[d] 1737 18Ly it was Voted that the Selectmens accompt this Day laid before the Town Shall be alowed as it now Stands 19Ly voted that Nath[ll]. Marsturs & Robert Herrick Shall have two Pounds one Shilling four pence over and above what they have all ready Rece[d]. for puting the Town's Pertision into the General Court, 20Ly voted that Natha[ll] Marsturs, Robert Herrick, & William Hooper Jun[r]. accompts Shall be paid allowed which is 26/[s] 21Ly Voted that the asessors Shall Tax the Town 90£ for the Reverent M[r] Cheavers for the Covenant Sallary for the year Insuing 22Ly voted to Tax the Town 80£ & give the same to the Rev. M[r] Chevers on the accompt of the Badness of Sinking of the Province money for the year Insuing 23Ly voted to Tax the Town 60£ for the suport of a Schoole master to keep a free schoole in Manchester & the said Schoole to be Removed to the four quarters of the Town, they in Each part to provoide a Sieutable house for the schoole Master to keep a Schoole in on there Charge to Acceptants & the Time and Place at the Discrestion of the Selectmen 24Ly voted that the [7] Selectmen this Day Chosen Shall be assessers for the year Insuing 25Ly This meeting was ajurned by a vote to Monday Eight a Clock In the Fore Noone it being the Twentieth Day of this Instant March. at a Town Meeting by an ajornment from the 13th of this Instant March to the 20th Day of the said March John Lee Jun[r]. Moderator for the said Meeting 26Ly Voted that the List offered for Jurymen Shall be put into the Box to be drawn as the law Directs 27Ly Voted that the men that have Sarved at Jury within the space of two years Shall not be put into the Box to be Drawn as Jurymen, or men within the space of one year to come 28Ly Voted the Selectmen of said Town shall provide & agree with a Schoole Master or Masters to keep a free Schoole in Manch'ter as far forth as the 60£ voted for that use will go in Defraying the Charge thereof 29Ly Voted and agreed to Accept the accompt that has now ben Brought in of the Charges of Building the Town Warff in Manc'ter by the said Committee chosen to do that Sarvice 30Ly Voted that the assessors shall Tax the Town 33£ pounds to Defray the Charges of the Building of the above said

Wharff Nathaniel Marsturs voted in the negetive in the above vote Voted and agreed that the Wharffinger that shall be appointed Shall be obliged to take the Following Acknowledgement or fee and no more for all that is landed on or taken off from said Wharff for the year insuing, for Every hhd 6^{d}, for Every bb^{l} 5^{d} for Every 1000 of Shingles 4^{d} and so in perpotion, for Every Cord of Cordwood 6^{d} and so in perpotion, for Every 1000 of Boards 6^{d} and so in perpotion, For Every Vessell that Shall Ly to Land grain if 24 hours 2^{s}/6^{d} if above said Time within the space of one week 5^{s} and if any Vessell shall Ly to Repair at the s^{d} Wharff the Warfinger and the owner shall agree for the same Beforehand, and if any Light Vessell shall fasten and Ly at said Wharff they shall pay what the said Wharffinger and they shall agree for beforehand, or otherwise pay at the Rate of 5^{s}/6 week & so in perpotion for shorter time Rockweed & Sea mulch to Land free from paying Whartfig with a previsor that it be Carried off in 2 Days time and for all frames Carried off or Landed to pay in perpotion as for a Cord of Wood according to the vallew thereof voted and agreed that the Present Selectmen shall agree with a suitable [8] man for to Be Whartfinger to take the Money that shall arise by the Improvments of s^{d} Whtf to be paid into the Town Tres^{r}Every three Months for the Towns use 31Ly Voted and agreed that Solomon Driver shall have the use and Improvment of the Burying Place in Manch'ter to befeed it, Cutting down all the Bushes and Briers and Mending up the Graves & paying to s^{d} Town 10^{s}/ yearly for three years to come 32Ly Voted and agreed that George Crose shall have a peace of Land in that part of our Town Called the Plains in Manch'ter near the South East Corner Bounds of the Ministry Lot near a joining to Carter Land if the highway that leads into the Plains from Orsments House to the Brast of the Ministry Land 4 Rod wide 33Ly Voted that the Select men shall make Search in the Record of said highway and if it be 4 Rod wide their to give the s^{d} George Crose a Convaence of a peice 2 Rod wide and 4 Rod Long, 34Ly Voted that the assessers shall Tax the Town 30£ to defray all other Nessesary Town Charges 35Ly Voted and agreed that the Present Selectmen shall forthwith Erect and make two seat where the Eastermost Pew is in the North East Gallary for the Negros to seat in.

[8] Att a Town Meetting Notified as the Law Directs to Chouse Jurymen to Sarve on the Jury of Tryals at the Inferior Court to be Holden at Salem on the Second Tusday of July on the Eight Day of July 1738. The Select men Town Clark & Cons^{bl}, and other of the Inhabitants being Meett on the day above said John Tarin and William Jones was Chosen for Jurymen being Drawn out of the Box as the Law Diretex.

Att a Town meeting in Manch'ter Leagally warned and meet together on the 13th day of Novr 1738 1Ly Captn John Knowlton was Chosen Moderator for s^{d} meetting 2Ly it was voted the Selectmen Namely Richa^{d} Coy Jere^{h} Hibberts & Robt. Herrick together with Captn John Knowlton and John Lee Junr, shall be a Committee to lay out the Highways and to see if any of the inhabitance of s^{d} Town has made Any Incrochment on the Highway and Byways of said Town and to lay out ways & renew Bounds to the highways if they finde it Needful & advantaous for s^{d} Town & to make a Return of there Doing at our annewel meetting in March next.

At a Town Meetting in Manch'ter on the 23^{d} Day of Dec^{mr} 1738 Leagually warned and mett together in order to Chuse Jury men one to Sarve on the Gran Jury and two to Sarve on the Jury of Tryals Firstly Richard Coy was Chosen Modrater for s^{d} meetting 2Ly Abraham Marsturs was Cosen to Sarve on the Gran Jury for the year Insuing 3Ly Jonathan Allen Junr William Badcock to Sarve on the Jury of Tryals at the Inferiour Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Salem on the Last Tuesday of this Instant Dec^{mr}

Att a Town Meeting in Manchester Leagally warned & Meet togather on the 12th day of March anno Domini 1738-9 In order to Chuse Town officers to sarve said Town the year insuing First Robert Hirrick was Chosen Moderater for s^{d} Meeting 2Ly Richard Coy John Lee Jun & Robert Herrick was Chosen for Select Men 3Ly Sam^{ll} Lee Junr Chosen Town Clerk 4Ly Sam^{ll} Morgen was Chosen Constable—5Ly John Foster s^{r} was Chosen Town Treas^{r} 6Ly voted to do all other Town Bisnes by a hand vote & Chuse the Rest of Town Officers 7Ly Capt Benj Presson Marchant Sam^{ll} Allen John Hill & Paul Leach was chosen survayars of highways 8 Capt Benj Presson Richard Coy John Lee ye 3^{d} & Jonathan allen Junr was Chosen Hogreves 9Ly Solomon Driver Benj Lee Sam^{ll} Lee ye 3 & John Edwards was Chosen Howrds—10Ly Jeremiah

Hibbert s^r Jonathan Herrick Thomas Lee & Benj Allen s^r Chosen survayrs of Fences 11Ly voted that swine should go at Large the year Insuing being yoked & Ringed as the Law Directs

[9] 12Ly Benj Allen Junr Capt Isaril Foster & John Bushup was Chosen Tithen Men 13Ly John Lee ye 3 was Chosen Clark of the Markit 14Ly Benj Lee was Chosen sealer of Leather 15Ly John Hill & Sam^ll Morgen was Chosen Measuer & Sealler of Cordwood 16Ly John Lee Jun Chosen Measuer & Marker of Bord & timber 17Ly John Lee ye 3 was Chosen pound keeper—18Ly voted that the Select Men this Day Chosen shall be assessors for the year insuing—19 voted that the assessors shall tax the Town £90 for the Rev Mr Ames Chever Covenanted Sallary for the year Insuing & it was further agreed & voted that the assessors shall asses the Town £80 & give it to the Rev^r Mr Ames Chever for the sinking of the Bill of Credit for the year insn 20Ly voted that the assessor shall Tax the Town £75 for to Defray the Charge of a free schoole for the year insuing & it was Likewise Voted & agreed that the Peppol that Dwell at that part of our Town Caled Cettel Cove shall have schoole as far forth as their proposion of the £75 will Defray the Charge of the same they providing a sutable house for to keep a schoole in at their own Charge 21Ly voted & a Greed that the Select Men this Day Chosen shall be a Commity to a Gree with a schoole Marstur to keep a free schoole in Manchester for the year Insuing and also to order the Schoole Master what Children he shall take in to the schoole and what Each schooler shall pay or their parance or masturs shall pay the schoole Master wood for the winter seson pr month 22Ly voted that the assesors shall Tax the Town £55 to Defray all nessary Town Charges for the year insuing 23Ly voted agreed that Sam^ll Lee Jun shall have the Rock Lying in Manchester Haboor Comonly Caled & known by the name of black Rock that is a peace of the Rocks & flats that is Most Conveanant for the bulding a wharff thereon (of One hundred feett Long Noatheast & souewest or up & Down the harber & sixty feett wide is heareby Given to the said Sam^ll Lee Junr & his Heirs & assigns for Ever for his & their own Bennifit for Ever the Con Dittion of the aforesaid Granted primises is that if the aforesaid Lee his Heirs or assigns shall buld a wharff on any part ther of within the space of three years next in suing the Date of this present Meeting and in Case of faller in buld in of the wharff as aforesaid then the Rock & flats to be at the Towns Dispose & Improvement

as it has been in years past to this Day voted upon Deblatration that the aforesaid granted premeses that Sam[ll] Lee Jun Shall have Rock as a fores[d] to him & his Heirs for Ever—24Ly voted & a Greed by the mager part of the Inhabitance of said Town present at Town Meeting that Sam[ll] Morgen shall have the liberty of Eraction two Gats on the way that Leads from s[d] Morgens Dweling house to the Beach that Lyeth to the Norwest of Crow Island for the sum of fourty shilling for the year insuing [10] he the said Morgen a Lowing all & any person to pase & Repase from time to time with teems they taking Care to shut the Gats from time to time &c 25Ly voted & a Greed that the Select Men of Manchester this Day Chosen shall sume time in the month of april next seattel & fix bounds betwin Mancheste & Beverely at the head of Chubs Crick so Caled & also fix & seattel a Bounds betwixt the Town of Manchester & beverely at Whanham Line & Sattel a Strait Line betwixt the Town of Manchester & Beverely In Case the Town of Beverely shall send their select Men or others to asist & Joyne with them in the seattelment of the afores[d] Bounds & Line 26Ly voted that John Lee Jun[r] Richard Coye & Robert Herrick the present Select Men shall be a Commette to a Gree with Cap[t] Benj Pressen or with any other Man In Manchester to be wharffinger for the year Insuing to take the fees that was set by said town at their anual Town Meeting In March in year 1737–8 & render an accompt & pay into the Treas[r] of said town according to former votes—the meting was Ajorned to the 26 day of this Instant March to 12 Clock in the Day Att a Town Meeting by an ajornment from the 12 day of March to the 26 day of March 1739 Robert Herrick Modrater for said Meeting—first Voted & agreed that all In Crochments on the Contry Roade & highways & by ways belonging to the Town of Manchester shall be Removed 2Ly voted & a Greed that Richard Coye John Lee jun[r] Robert Herrick Benj Presson & John Foster sen[r] shall be a Commeette to survay & bound out the Contry Road & all the high ways in Manchester that have been Resarved in the former Divisions of Land in Manchester for the Towns use that have not been Laid out & is entred on the town Rackords & to Notefie all those persons that have in Croched on the said rode & high ways that they forthwith Remove their fences or other InComberances on the said roads & ways & In Case they neglect or Refuse to Du it then the said Committe to Case all those InCombrances that they May DisCover to be Removed as sone as May be By a Du Corse of

Law & make Return of their Duings at our annail town Meeting in March next insuing the aforesaid Date. Each of the afore going Clasues Contaned in the foregoing Vots a Greed to & voted on the Reading in said Meeting.

Att a Town Meeting In Manchester Leagaely warned & met to Gather on the fourteent Day of May 1739 In order to Chuse a Repersentive to sarve for & Repersent us in a Grate & Genaral Cort to be holden & keept at the Court house in Boston for His Majesties sarvice on the 30 day of this Instant May first Thomas Lee was Chosen Moderater for s^{d} Meeting 2Ly voted in the negetive not to send any person to Reperesent us in the above said Court as haveing the Libert by the Law so to Do. Att a Town Meeting in Manchester Leagaly warned & Meet to Gather on the 2 day of July 1739 In order to Chuse Jury Men to sarve on [12] the Jury of Tryals at the next Infearer Court to be holden at Salem on the second tusday of this Instant July first Decken Benj Lee was chosen Moderater for said Meeting 2Ly Capt Sam^{ll} Bear & Capt Isaril Foster was Chosen to sarve on the Jury of Tryals. At a Town Meeting in Manchester Leagally Warned & Meet To gather on the 11th Day of March Annoy Domini 1739, 40 In order to Chuse Town officers to sarve said Town the year insuing Firstly Mr Robert Hirreck was Chosen Moderater for s^{d} Meeting 2Ly Chosen Mr Richard Coy Thomas Lee John Lee Junr Select Men 3Ly Chosen for Town Clerk John Lee ye 3^{d} 4Ly Chosen for Constable John Webber sen^{r}. 5Ly Chosen for Town Treas^{r} Deken Benj^{a} Lee 6Ly Voted to Do all other Town Bisness by a hand Vote & to Chose the Rest of Town Officers 7Ly Chosen for servays of Highways John Lee Junr Jonathan Herrick John ffoster sen Jonathan Allen Junr Sam^{ll} Allen ye 3^{d} 8Ly Voted to have a 5ward 9Ly Chosen for Howards Richard Day Joseph Knight John Orsment sen^{r} Joseph Woodbery 10Ly Chosen for Hogreves, Stephen Allen Andrew Hooper Richard Coy John Edwards 11Ly Voted that swine should Go at Large Being yoked & Ringed as the Law Directs 12Ly Paul Leach Aaron Bennet Junr Sam^{ll} Carter Chosen Tithing Men 13Ly Thomas Lee Chosen Clerk of the Market 14Ly Benj^{a} Lee Chosen Sealer of Lather 15Ly John Hill sen^{r} Sam^{ll} Morgen Chosen Mesnars And sealers of Cord wood 16Ly Voted that John Lee Junr shall be A Mesrear & Marker of timber 17Ly Voted John Lee ye 3^{d} should be a pound Keeper 18Ly Voted that the Select Men This Day Chosen shall be Assessors 19Ly Voted that the Assessers shall Tax the

Town £90 pound for the Rev^{r} Ames Chever Covented Salary for the year Insuing.

And it was further A Greed and Voted that the Assessors shall Assess the Town Ninty pounds And Give it to Mr Ames Chever for the sinking of the Bills of Creadit 20Ly Voted that the Assessors shall ases the Town for the support of A free schoole in Manchester seventy five pounds for the year Insuing & that the free school shall be Removed to that part of our Town Caled Kittell Cove there proportionable part according to their Rates they being at the Charge of providing a sutable house to keep scoole In 21Ly Voted that [13] the assessors shall Tax the Town fifty pounds to Defray all nessary Town Charges for the year Insuing 22Ly Voted by 27 Votes that — Higginson Esqr of Salem shall be County Rigster for the County of Essex & not one Voted for any other parson 25Ly that the Select men This Day Chosen shall agree with sum sutable man to keep A free schoole in Manchester for the year Insuing & to order what age chilldren shall be of that Goeth to the School & How fire wood shall be provided for the support of firing in the schoole 24Ly Voted & A Greed that Sam^{ll} Allen ye 3^{d} shall be A Wharffinger to Take an Acompt of all that is Landed on the Town wharff In Manchester & pay In to the Town Tres^{r} the one half of the Money that Shall Arise by the Improvments of said warff According As the fees for Landing on s^{d} warff has been sett by the said Town the Money to Be paid at or before the first Day of March next Insuing 25Ly Voted & Agreed that the Select men shall Leett to Sam^{ll} Morgen Littel Crow Iland And the way that Leads to it by the Widdow Stoone for forty shilling for the year Insuing he Keeping A Good Gate on said way & Giving free Liberty to all parsens to parse & Reparse Keeping the Gate in Good order.

At A Town Meeting In Manchester Leagaly Warned & Meet to Gather on the 19 Day of May Anno Domini 1740 In Order to Chuse A Repersentive for to Repersent said Town In A Grate And Gennerll Cort to be held In Roster on ye Last Wonsday of this Instant May Allso to Chouse A Constubell to sarve s^{d} Town for the year Insewing firstly Capt John Knowlten was Chosen Moderater for said Meeting 2Ly Voted In the Negetive Not to send A Repersentive 3Ly Chosen for Constubell Israell ffoster for the year Insuing 4Ly Voted And Excepted to sarve as A Constabell In the Rome of Isrell ffoster John Orsment sen^{r} 5Ly Voted fifteen Pounds to be Reased

for a Town stock of Ammenistion. At A Town Meeting In Manchester Leagally Warned & Meet to Gather on the 23 Day of June Anno Domini 1740 [14] In order to Chuse Jury men to sarve on the Jury of Trials at our Next Infearer Cort of Comon pleas to be Holden att Salam on the second Tusday of July Next Insuing from the Date Hereof firstly Mr Richard Coy Chosen Moderater for said Meeting 2Ly Sam Allen ye 3^{d} And John Tucke Chosen Jury Men to sarve on the Jury of Triyls.

At A Town Meeting In Manchester Leagally Warned And Meet to Gather on the 29 Day of December Anno Domini 1740 In order to Choose three Jury men the one to sarve On the Grand Juary the Rest on the Juary of Trialls at Our next Infearour Cort of Common pleas And Court of Generell Sessons of the pece to be Holden at Salem on the Last Tusday of December firstly Mr Robert Herrick Chosen Moderater for said Meeting 2Ly Benj^{a} Lee Chosen Grand Jeury 3Ly Sam^{ll} Allen Junr & Stephen Allen Chosen Juery Men to sarve on Jurey of Trileys—

At a town meatting in manchester Leagaly worned and meet to gather on march ye 9th 1740—In order to Chuse town offesers to sarve said town the year Insuing furstly mr John ffoster was Chose moderater for sayd meting 2Ly Chosen for Selectmen John ffoster sen^{r} Roberd Herick Ben^{m} Presen 3Ly Chosen for town Clerk for ye year Insuing Sam^{ll} Allen ye 3^{d} 4Ly Chosen Sam^{ll} bare for Constabel for the year insuing 5Ly Chosen Deaken ben^{m} Lee town treasurer for the year insuing 6Ly voted to Chuse the Rest of the town offesers by hand vote 7Ly Chose for sevaiers of highwais William badcock John Lee ye 3^{d} John osmond sener Sam^{ll} Allen juner Sam^{ll} Morgen 8Ly Chose for Sefaiers of fences Richerd Coy John Edwards John Knight 9Ly Chosen for hogreves thomas pitman John osmand sener Deaken ben^{m}. Allen Paul Leach 10Ly Chosen for Howards Stephen allen Jonothon Herrick John Lee Juner Jonothan allen juner 11Ly Voted that hogs shall go att Large yoked & Ringed According to Law 12Ly voted thomas Lee to be a seler of wats and messuer 13Ly Chosen for tything men Aserias allen Solomon Driver Andrew Hooper 14ly Chosen for Selethers of Leather Deaken Ben^{m} Lee 15ly Chosen for measuer and marker of timber John Lee Juner 16ly Chosen for Corders and Sealer of wood Sam^{ll} Allen 3^{d} and Sam^{ll} morgan 17ly Chosen John Hill sen for an Inspeckter of Deer hunting as the Law Dereckts

[15] 18ly voted that John Lee ye 3^{d} Chosen for pound Keeper

19ly voted the Seleck men Chosen for the year insuing shall be Assessers to Asess for the year insuing 20ly voted that the Assessers shall Assess the town for the Revd Amas Chevers Covenanted Sallery £90 21ly voted that the Assessers shall Assess the town to give to m^{r} Amas Chever for making up the sinking of the bils of Credit one hundred pounds 22ly that the Assessers shall Assess the town for the seaporté of a free school £75 23ly Voted that the assessers shall Assess the town sixty Pound for to Defray the town Charges 24ly Voted that manefactory mony shall pay town Charges if it hath a Corincey 25ly Voted that the way to the beach and Crow Island shall be Let out 26ly Voted that priveleg of the way to Crow Island be to Sam^{ll} morgen the year insuing and he is to keep a good gate Acrost s^{d} way & pasture A cow for Joseph allen in the pasteur whare s^{d} way Lies 27ly Voted that Sam^{ll} Allen ye 3^{d} shall have the privileg of the town wharfe the year Insuing and the s^{d} allen is to pay s^{d} town four pounds for s^{d} wharfe 28ly Voted that John Edwards shall have the Improvement of the School Land his paying the town forty shilings pr year for seven years and s^{d} Edwards is not to Cut Any other Wood but Pine and hemlock and the Seleck men is to give s^{d} Edwards a leas of the same 29ly Voted that the present seleckmen is a Commity to Call the former Commity to Accompt of the School Land

At A town meting In manchester Legally warned and met to gather on the 26 of march 1741 In order to Chuse one or more sutabel men to serve the s^{d} town the year insuing furstly Leftenant John Lee was Chosen modarater for sd meting 2ly Samuel Carter was Chose Constabel and payd his money 3ly John Edwards was Chose Constabel for the year insuing and Refused to take his oth or pay his fine 4ly pall Leach was Chosen Constabel 5ly John osmond was Voted and excepted to sarve as Constabel in the Room of pall Leach for ye year Insuing Manchester march 11th 1740–1

[16] Reseved of Capt Sam^{ll} barr five pound in bills of Credet it being for the use of the poor for his not sarving as a Constable in the of manchester for the year one thousand seven hundred and forty one we say reseived

John ffoster } for
Ben^{m} Presen } the town of
Robard Herick } manchester

At a town meting In manchester Legaly Warned and met to gather on the 18th of may 1741 In order to Chuse A Representive

for to Represent the sd town In a grate and General Cort to be held in Boston upon wensday the 27th of this Instant afore sd furstly Samll Lee Esqr. was Chosen moderater for sd meting 2ly Voted In the negitive not to send any person Represent them In sd grate and generel Corte as haveing the Libberty by the Law so to do.

At a town meting In manchester Legaly warned and met together on the 24 day of June 1741 In order to Chuse one or more sutabel parson or parsons to Represen the sd town in a grate and genarel Cort In Boston upon wensday the 8 day of July next and also to Chuse one Assesser to Joyn with the other Assessers to Asses the town this present year In the absence of one of the other Assessers

1ly mr John ffoster was chose moderater for sd meting 2ly Voted In the negitive not to send any person to Represent them in sd grate and gineral Cort as having the Liberty in the law so to do 3ly mr Richerd Coy was Chosen Assesser to Juyn with the present Assessers to assess the town In the absence of one of the other Assessers 4ly Voted that the town shall find stuff to buld the Bridg by the gris mill 5ly that the Assessers shall asses the town thurty Pound for bulding a watch hous and find aminission for a town stock.

At A meting In manchester Legally warned and met togather on the 13 day of July 1741 In order to Chuse Jury men to Sarve on the Jury of tryals at our next Inferer Corte of Common Pleas to Holden at Salam on the Second tusday of July Instant furstly mr Robert Herrick was Chosen modarater for said meting 2ly Capt John Lee and mr Joseph gidns was Chosen Jurymen.

At A town in manchester Legaly warned and met togather on the 24 day of Desemr 1741 In order to three Jurymen the one to sarve [17] on the Grand Jury & the other two to sarve on the Jury of trials at our next Inferer Corte of Common pleas and Cort of Ginarel sessions of the pease to be holden at Salam on the Last tusday of Desember Instant furstly Capt John Lee was Chosen moderater for said meting 2ly mr Jonothan herrick was chose grand Jury man to sarve for ye year Insuing 3ly mr Benja Haskel & mr Josias Allen was Chose to sarve on the Jury of trials.

At a Town meting In Manchester Leagally Warned and Met togather on ye 16 Day of March 1741–2 In order to Chuse town officers to sarve ye sd town ye year Insuing furstly Samll Lee Esqr

was Chosen Moderater for sd meting 2ly Meser Richard Coy and Deaken. Ben^{m} Lee & Jonothan Herrick was Chosen to be a Committy to Examman ye former Selectmen Accompt that they Bring against the town for ye year 1741 3ly Richard Coy John Lee ye 3^{d} Thomas Lee Selectmen 4ly John Lee town clerk 5ly Sam^{ll} Lee Esqr Town Tarseur 6ly Robert Knowlton Chosen Constaball· 7ly Voted to Do ye Rest of Town Bisness & Chouse ye Rest of ye town Officers by hand vote 8ly Mr John ffoster sen^{r} Servari Highways 9ly Thomas Lee was Chosen Servari of Highways 10ly Richard Coy Servari of Highway 11ly John Tarring Servari of Highways 12ly Andrew Hooper was Chosen servari of Highways 13ly Chosen for Hogreves Sam^{ll} Carter Capt Ben^{m} Pressen Richard Coy William Hoper 14ly for hogs to Go at large 15ly Chosen for Houwards Ben^{m} Allen Junr John Osment Senr william Badcock sen^{r} Joseph Knight 16ly Chosen for fence servari John Lee Junr Jonathan Allen sen^{r} Da^{en} Ben^{m} Allen 17ly Chosen for Tithen men Joseph Horsham William Jons Robert Woren Senr 18ly Thomas Lee was Chosen Seeler of waets And Marsuers 19ly Ben^{m} Lee was Chosen to be sealer of Lather 20ly John Lee Junr was Chosen a mashuer & mark of tember 21ly Robert Herrek Corder mashuer of wood 22ly Thomas Lee was Chosen Corder and Mashuer of wood 23ly Chosen Andrew Hooper Corder and Mashuer of wood 24ly Chosen John Hill sen^{r} A Inspecter of killing & Honting of Dear 25ly John Lee ye 3^{d} Chosen pound Keeper 26ly Voted that ye Selectmen This Day Chosen to be Assessors for ye Town ye year Insuing 27ly Voted Ninty pound old tannor to ye Rev^{r} Ames Chever as his Coventened Salary 28ly Voted to Give to ye Rev^{r} Amos Chever to make up ye Depreceating the Bills of poblic Cradet one Hundred & twenty pounds 29ly Voted that ye assessers shall assess ye town for to Keep a Grammor School Eighty pounds 30ly Voted that ye assessers shall assess ye town for to Defray town Charges twenty five pound 31ly Voted Mr John Lee Junr Robert Herrek shall have A plas In ye Bank near ye School houce for to Buld A Lime Kill for to stand five years It is to be Left with the Selectmen where to be 32ly Voted that ye Selectmen shall Let out ye School Land for ye mos they can geet 33ly Voted that Sam^{ll} Allen ye 3^{d} shall be Reconsederd for the hire of ye worffe In ye year 1741 forty shillings 34ly that ye Selectmen shall Repare ye town woffee And Get ye most thay Can for it 35ly Voted that ye Barren place shall be Let for ye year Insuing to Capt

Ben^{ja} Presson for twenty shillings 36ly Voted that Sam^{ll} Morgein shall have ye Vse of Crow Island And ye way Leading into it for ye sum of two pounds he Keeping up a Good Gate to pase And Repase 37ly Voted that Edward Lee Abraham Marstus Robert Knowlton shall be A qnted from ye Releas thay Gave for ye School Land thay paying three pound In thirty Days 38ly ye meting is A Gorned to mondy ye twenty ninth Day of this Enstant At a meting by an Ajurnment from ye 16 Day of March 1741–2 to ye 29 met & voted as [18] foloweth Voted that ye Selectmen accompts for ye Last year Disbursments shall be & hereby is a Lowed to them Upon Sam^{ll} Lee Junr Refuisell of sarving town Tres^{r} for ye year Insuing to another Choyce Voted that Mr Richard Coy shall be Town Tres^{r} for ye year Insuing

[19] At a Town Meeting In Manchester Leagaely Warned and meet to Gather on the teenth Day of May In ye year 1742 In order to Chues a Repersentive to sarve for And Repersent us In a Grate and Genarell Cort to be Holden & Keept att ye Court house In Boston for His Majesties Sarvic on ye twenty six Day of this Instant May firstly Ben^{ja} Allen Senr Chosen Modorrater 2ly Voted In ye Negitive not to Chouse aney parson to Repersent us In ye Cort above said by haveing the Liberty of ye Law so to do At a Town Meeting In Manchester Leaguely Warned And meet to Gather In order to choues Juery men on ye 28 of June Anno Domini 1742 to Sarve on ye Jury of Trials at our Next Infearer Cort of Common pleas to be Holden at Salem on ye the second Tusday of July next Insuing from the Date Hereof firstly Sam^{ll} Lee Esqr Chosen Modrater 2ly Capt. John orsment And Sam^{ll} Lee ye 3^{d} Chosen Jury of trials

At A Town Meeting In Manchester Leagaely warned And Meet to Gather on the 25 Day of October Anno Domini 1742 In order to Chouse tow Juery Men ye one to sarve on ye Grand Jury ye other to on ye Jury of trials att our next Sup^{r} Cort of Judicature Cort of asizes And Generall Gold Delivery to be holden att Salem on ye secont Tusday of November Next firstly Robert Herrek Chosen Modrater 2ly Richard Coy Chosen Grand Jury man 3ly John ffoster sen^{r} Chosen Jury man for Jury of Trials

[20] At A Town meeting In Manchester Leggaely warned And meet to Gather on the 24 Day of Decem. Anno Domini 1742 In order to chovs three Juery men the One to Sarve on ye Grand Jury the other to Sarve on ye Jury of trials at our Next Infere Cort of

Comon pleas to be Holden at Salem on ye Last Tusday of this Corent from the Date hereof firstely Richard Coy Chosen Morderater 2ly John Osment Chosen Grand Jury man 3ly Sam.^{ll} Cartor Chosen & John Hill sen^{r} Jury of triels

At A Town meeting In Manchester Leagaly Warned and meet to gather on ye fiftenth Day of March Anno Domini 1742-3 In order to Chuse town Officers to sarve ye s^{d} town ye year In suing firstly Robort Herrick was Chosen moderater for said meeting 2ly Chosen for Selectmen Robert Herrick John Lee ye 3^{d} Richard Coye 3ly Chosen John Lee ye 3^{d} Town Clerk 4ly Chosen Andrew Hooper Constabel 5ly Chosen Richard Coye Town Tras^{r}. 6ly Voted that ye Reast of ye Town officers to be Chosen by hand vote And all other Beseness 7ly Chosen for Survares of Higways Benj.^{a} Lee John Lee Junr. Jonathan Herrick John Edwards Sam^{ll}. Morgen 8ly Chosen for Hogreves Joseph Giddings Benj. Osment Sam.^{ll} Allen Junr Sam^{ll}. Cartor Sam^{ll}. Morgen 9ly Voted that Hogs shall Go at Large being well-yoked And Reing according to Law 10ly Chosen for Howords Sam.^{ll} Allen Junr John Tuck Ben^{ja} Harskill Jonathan Allen Junr 11ly Chosen for fence Survares Richard Coye Sam.^{ll} Allen ye 3^{d} Thomas Lee 12ly Chosen tiseingmen Sam.^{ll} Allen Junr Azariah Allen John forster sen.^{r} 13ly Thomas Lee Chosen for Sealer of Wats & marsvers 14ly Ben.^{ja} Lee Chosen for Sealer of Lathar 15ly John Lee Junr Chosen for a Marsver & Marker of tember 16ly Chosen for Corders of wood Thomas Lee Sam.^{ll} Morgen [**21**] 17ly John Hill sen.^{r} Chosen for Inspater of Dear 18ly Voted that the Selectmen this Day Chosen shall Be sessers to Assess the Town for ye year 1743 19ly the folowing Sume of Money that are to be Rased are to be In old tenner money 20ly Voted to ye Rev^{r} Ames Chever As his Covenent Sallary £90 : 0–0^{s} 0^{d} 21ly Voted to Give ye Rev.^{r} Ames Chever for Making up the Sinking of the poblick Bills of Cradet £120–0^{s}–0^{d} 22ly Voted to Assess theTown for a Gramors School for the year Insuing £75–0^{s}–0^{d} 23ly Voted to Assess the Town to Defray town Charges for ye year Insuing £90–0^{s}–0^{d} 24ly Voted that ye warff shall be Let to M^{r}. Robert Herrick for ye year Insuing for 45^{s}/ 25ly Voted that the Barren plas shall be Let to Robert Herrick for ye year Insuing for 24/ 26ly Voted that Crow Iland And ye way Leding to it shall be Let to Sam.^{ll} Morgen for ye year Insuing for 40^{s}/ 27ly Voted that

ye town shall Exchange ye 19th lot In ye South Divition with Sam.^ll Morgen for the 13th Lot In ye North Divition the Town Giving s^d Morgen the vse of Crow Iland And ye way Leding to it for ye year 1743 28ly Voted that ye Selectmen shall Give And Receve Deeds for ye above s^d Lots 29ly Voted y^t the meeting is agorned to Tusday the 29th of this Corent at one of the Clock In the Aftor None At a gorment of the meeting from ye fiftenth Day of March to ye Twenty Ninth Day firstly Voted by ye town to Except of the vote of ye proprietore: Voted by ye propitors that ye Inhabitance [22] of the Town of Manchester shall Be Equall Sheares with ye Old propritors In that part of Common Land if any be found Lying on Ipswhich Line or other wise we Give it to ye town of Manch^r. for the Vse of s^d town 2ly Voted for A Commetty to trete with & Settel the Bounds Betwen Ipswich & Manchester with Ipswich Commetty Richard Coye John ffoster sen^r Robert Herrick Sam^ll. Allen ye 3^d And John ye 3d Lee 3ly Voted that Mr Sam^ll. Allen ye 3^d Sam^ll. Morgen And Jonathan Herrick shall be A committy to trate with ye propitors of ye meeting house to Gave up their Right & to make it a town Hovse At A Town Meeting In Manchester Leagely warned And meet to Gather on ye sixtenth Day of May In ye year 1743 In order to Chovse a Repersentive to sarve for and Repersent us In a Grate And Gennerall Corte to be Holden & Keept at ye Corte hovse In Boston for His Majesty Sarves on the twenty fifth Day of this Instant May firstly Chosen for Modorrater Robert Herrick 2ly Voted In ye Negitive Not to Choose any parson to Repersent us In ye Corte above said by having the Leberty of ye Law so to do 3ly Voted that ye Selectmen Shall pertition to the Gennarell Corte for sum Abatement of our Rates.

At a Town Meeting In Manchester Leagaely warned And meet to Gather In order to Choves Juery men on the 11th of July Anno Domini 1743 to sarve on ye Jury of Trials at our Next Infearer Cort of Comon pleas to be Holden at Salem on ye second Tusday of July Next In suing the Date Hereof firstly Andrew Hooper Chosen mordrater 2ly Joseph Lee & Daken Ben^ja. Allen was chosen Jury men. At A Town Meeting In Manchester Lagaely Worrned & Meet to Gather In order to Choves three Jury men on the 19th Day of Decem^r Anno Domini 1743 the one to sarve on ye Grand Jury the other to Sarve on ye Jury of Trialls at our Next Infere Cort of Comon pleas to be holden at Sealem on ye last Tus-

day of this Corrent from the Date hereof. firstly Mr John ffoster chosen Mordrater 2ly John Edwards Chosen Grand Jury man 3ly Robert Herrick & Elisha Allen Chosen for Jury of trials.

[23] At a Town meeting in Manch^{r}. Leagly warned and meet to gather on ye Twenty Seventh Day of february Anno Domini 1743/4 In order to Chose A Commety to Suply ye polpet allso A Commety to Settel & Make up all Acompts Between ye Rev^{r} Mr Ames Chever & ye Town of Manchester allso to see if the Town wold Joyne with ye Church In Excepting of Mr Cheever Disour In Asking a Dismistion from his peopel & Pastrol Care—firstly Mr Robert Herrick Chosen Modderrater for said meeting

[24] 2ly Voted the Town to Joyne with ye Church In Excepting of ye Rev^{r} Ames Cheever Disour In Asking A Dismistion from his peopel & his Parstarl Care 3ly Voted that the Commety to Supply ye Pulpot That theay Shall Defray their one Cherges In ye town of Manchester In Setling &c 4ly Voted that Dekan Benj^{a}. Lee John Lee ye 3^{d} Robert Herrick Sam^{ll}. Allen Junr. John Lee Junr. John Edwards Richard Coye Benj^{a}: Allen Junr. Sam^{ll}. Allen ye 3^{d} Jonathan Herrick and John Osment shall be A Commety to Supply the pulpot 5ly Voted that John ffoster John Lee Junr. Dekan Benj^{a}. allen to Joyone with ye Selectmen as a commety to Settel & make up all Acompts Between ye Rev^{r}. Mr Ames Cheever our former Paster And the Town of Manchester At A Town Meeting In Manchester Leagaly warrned And meet to Gathar on ye Nineteenth Day of March Anno Domini 1743/4 In order to Chouse Town Officers to sarve ye s^{d} town ye year Insuing firstly Mr Robert Herrick Chousen Moderater for s^{d} meeting 2ly Robert Herrick John Lee Junr. John Lee ye 3^{d} Chosen Selectmen 3ly John Lee 3^{d} Chosen Town Clerk 4ly Sam^{ll}. Allen ye 3^{d} Chosen Constabell 5ly Richard Coye Chouse Town Tras^{r}. 6ly Voted to Chouse ye Raest of ye Town officers & all other Bisness by hand Vote 7ly Chouse for Servarys of hieways Joseph Lee William Badcock John Osmant sen.^{r} Robert Herrick Josiah Ingalson 8ly Chouse for Hogreafes Benj^{a}. Allen Junr. Richard Coye Joseph Knight John ffoster sen.^{r} John Osment sen^{r}. 8ly Voted that hogs shall go at Large wall yoked And Reigned according to Law. Chouse for houards or feild Drivers Jonathan Herrick Sam^{ll}. Allen Junr Benj^{a}. Osment

Thomas Aers Andrew Hooper 10ly Chouse for servarys of fences Benj^{a}. Lee Robert Knowlton Jonathan Allen sen^{r}. 11ly Chose for Tying men John Eskot Jonathan Allen Junr. Joseph Lee 12ly Voted Thomas Lee Sealr of wates & Marsuer 13ly Voted John Lee Junr. Marsuer & Marker of Tember And Bords 14ly Voted Benj^{a}. sealer of Lather 15ly Voted Thomas Lee And Sam^{ll}. Morgen Corders of Wood 16ly Voted Sam^{ll}. Bare Inspator of Dear 17ly Voted that ye Selectmen this Day Chosen shall be Assessors to Assess the Town 18ly Voted that ye Assess^{r} Shall Assess the Town £55 To Defray the Charge of praching for ye year Insuing 19 Voted that ye Assess^{r} shall Assess ye Town Immedeatly for ye fifty five pound for the Ministray Abov Manchened 20ly Voted that ye Assess^{r} shall assess the Town £15 pounds for Defraying ye Charge of a Gramer School 21ly Voted that the Assessors shall assess the Town £35 To Defray the Town Tax 22Ly Voted to John Lee Tertius 15^{s} for his Service as Town Clerk the year Ensuing 23ly Voted that the Ministry Land [25] shall not be ploughed up 24Ly Voted to Lett the Ministry Land by the Meeting House to Benj^{a}. Orsment for £ s d 1–1–0 24Ly Voted to Lett the Ministry Land between the Pound and Mr Cheevers's Land upland & Marish both sides of the Channell to John Orsment Senr for £ s d 3–9–0 25ly Voted to Lett the Ministry Land Lying by Millett's Swamp to Joseph Lee for Sixteen Shillings. 26ly Voted to Lett the Burying place to Robert Herrick for Five Shillings 27ly Voted that the Select Men this Day choose who shall be a Comittee to agree with a schoolmaster or masters as far as £15 will go for that service Voted to Lett the Town Wharff to Robert Herrick and John Lee Tertius for Ten Shillings 28ly the meeting Adjourned to Deacon Benj^{a}. Allens. 29ly Voted to clear Sam^{ll} Allen Tertius from serving as Constable by paying one Pound Five Shillings upon Demand 30ly Jonathan Herrick Chosen Constable 31ly Voted to Lett to Sam^{ll} Morgan Little Crow Island; and the way Leading to said Island he keeping a good Gate to pass and repass, for Ten Shillings. 32ly The Meeting adjourned to the Fourth Day of June next Ensuing.

At A Town Meeting In Manchester Leagely warned And meet to Gather on Mondy ye forteenth Day of May Anno Domini 1744

In order to Chuse A Represantivie to Repersent us In a Grate And Generall Court to be heild at Boston firstly M^{r}. Robert Herrick Chosen Moderater for s^{d} meeting 2ly Voted not to Chouse A Repersantivie having ye Leberty of the Law so to Do 3ly Voted that the Selectmen shall be A Committy to apply themsevels to a Seuttebell Person to Prepare [26] a Pretion to ye Generall Court for sum relese under our Decaing Surcomstances At a Town meeting in Manchester Leagely warned and meet to Gather Seventh Day of May Anno Domini 1744 In order to Know the minds of the Peopole of ye Town Consaring having ye pulpot supplyed firstly Robert Herrick Chosen Moderater 2ly Voted to Chouse A commity of 3 men to Go And advise with Mr Weggelworth Mr Cheepman Mr Champny & Mr Warren And to Tack their Advice In our Reselment of a Pastar 3^{d} Voted for A Commetty Daken Benj:^{a} Lee Jonathan Herrick And Josiah Ingarson to go And Advise with ye Above s^{d} Gentelmen to Adgorne the meeting to mondy ye forteenth Day of this Instant May at teen of ye Clock In ye forenoon 4ly Voted upon agornment to apply our savels to Mr Moses Hall In order to here him Prach sum time among us.

At A Town Meeting In Manchester Leagely warned & Meet to Gather on Monday ye 2^{d} Day of July Anno Domini 1744 In order to Chouse 2 men to sarve on ye Jure of Triels at our Next Inferer Cort of Common Pleas to be Holden at Salam on ye second Tusday of this Instent July firstly Mr Thomas Lee & Paul Leach Chosen to sarve on ye Pety Jury At a Town metting In Manchester Leagely warned and meet to gather on the 30th Day of August Annoq 1744 In order to Chouse a County Rigester Mr Robert Herrick Chosen Moderater At A Town Meeting In Manchester Leagely warned and meet to gather on the 22 Day of october Annoq Domini 1744 In order to Chouse 2 Jury men the one to sarve on ye Grand Jury the other to sarve on ye Juery of Trials at our Nex Sup^{r}. [27] Court of Judicatuery Cort of asizes And Generall Gold Delivery to be holden at Salem on the secont Tusday of November Next firstly Mr Thomas Lee Chosen Modrater 2ly Mr Josiah Ingerson Chosen to sarve on ye Grand Jury 3ly Isrell ffoster Chosen to sarve on ye Jury of Triyels At a Town Meeting In Manchester Leagaely warned And meet to Gather on the 21 Day December Anno Domini 1744 In order to Choves three Jury men the one to sarve on ye Grand Juery the

other to sarve on the Jury Triales at our Next Infere Court of Comon pleas to be Holden at Salem on ye Last Tusday of this Instant December firstly M^r. Robert Herrick Chosen Modrater 2ly Aaron Bennet Chosen Grand Juery man 3ly Jeremiah Allen & Benj.^a Osment Chosen Juery Tryels At a Town Meeting In Manchester Leagely warned And meet to gather on Tusday the first Day of Juanery Anno Domini 1744/5 In order to Know the minds of ye people where they will Give Mr Joseph Robords A Call And what Incorigement thay will give him firstly M^r. John Lee Senr. Chosen Modrater 2ly Voted to Give M^r. Joseph Roberds A Call Into the work of ye Gospall Ministry Amongst us 3ly Voted to Give to support a Gospall Minister £250 Old tener money for A Salary pr Annum 4ly Voted to Give A Gospall Minister for His Settellment amongst us £400 old tener money & pay £100 pr year till we have pad the £400 5ly Voted that Sam^ll. Allen ye 3^d shall be a Committy man to Joyn with M^r. John Lee sen^r & Jonathan Herrick to offer ye Town proposell And tree with Mr Robords Concerning Setteling with us 6ly Voted that the Commety shall offer Mr Robords the ves of ye Ministry Land Belonging to the Town of Manchester [28] the meeting agorned to the seckond Mondy In febevery at Nine of ye Clock In the foroone At a Gorment of ye meeting meet to gather on ye second Mondy In febevery wich is ye 11 Day Voted to Disovel ye meeting At A Town Meeting In Manchester Leagely warned And Meet to geather on ye Eleventh Day of March Anno Domini 1744/5 In order to Chouse Town officers to serve ye s^d Town ye year Insuing firstly M^r. Robert Herrick Chosen modrater the meeting Is Adgorned to Mondy ye 18th Day of this Instance at Eight of ye clock in ye forenoon meet to gather on ye adgornment at ye time and place apinted firstly Robert Herrick John Lee Junr. Jonathan Herrick Chosen Selectmen 2ly John Lee Junr Chosen Town Clerk 3ly John Tuck Chosen Constabell 4ly Richard Coye Chosen Town Tras^r. 5ly Voted to Choose the Rast of Town officers by hand vote 6ly Chosen for Sevarys of Highway Ebenezer Tuck^s Thomas Lee^s Benj^a. osment^s Jacob Hooper^s 7ly Voted that Hoges shall Go at Large 8ly voted for hogreves Ebenezer Tuck^s Andrew Hooper^s Richard Coye^s Robert Knowlton^s Sam^ll. Carter^s 9ly Chosen for Howards Jonathan Allen^s Junr. John Edwards^s Sam^ll. Allen^s Junr. Sam^ll. Allen^s sen^r.

10ly Chosen for Servayrs of finces John ffoster sen.r Jonathan Herrick Decan Benja. Lee 11ly Chosen for tything men Benja. Jewett Richard Day John Easkoot 12ly Chosen Thomas Lee for seler of wats And Marsuers 13ly Chosen John Lee senr. for marsuer And marker of tember & Bords 14ly Chosen Dacken Benja. Lee for Selear of Lather 15ly Chosen for Corders of wood Thomas Lee John Edwards 16ly Chosen Ebenezer Tuck for Inspator of Dear 17ly Voted that ye Select men this Day Chosen shall be Asessr. to Assess ye town 18ly Voted that ye Assessrs. Shall Assess the town sixty tow pounds teen shilling to Defray ye Charges of praching 19ly Voted that ye Assesr. shall Assess ye town fifteen pounds to Defray ye Charge of Keeping A Gramer School 20ly Voted ye Assessr. shall Assess ye town twenty five pounds to Defray town Charges 21ly Voted for A Commety to suply the Pulpot Robert Herrick John Lee [29] senr. Samll. Allen Junr. John Lee Junr. Richard Coye Jonathan Herrick And John Edwards 22ly to Abate Mr. John orsment senr. of the Hire of ye Ministry Land 9/ 23ly Voted to Let ye minister Land by ye meeting house to John Tuck for 20/ 24ly voted to Let ye minister Land by ye pound Both upoland And march to Benja. orsment for 40/7 25ly Voted to Let ye ministray Land by miliets swomp so Caled to Benj. orsment for 15/6 26ly Voted to Let ye Baring place to Robert Herrick for 5/ 27ly voted that ye Selectmen shall sell & Dispose of ye old Hamlocks & pines on ye ministray Lots for ye Benetfit of sd town 28ly voted that ye selectmen shall be A commety to Agree with some Gramor Schoole Marster to ye Amount of £15 29ly voted to Let ye Town warff to Robort Herrick & John Lee Junr. for 7/6 Att A Town meeting In Manchester Leagely warned and meet to gather on mondy ye twentyeth Day of May Anno Domini 1745 In order to Chous A Repersantive to Repersent us in A grat and Generall Court to be heild at Boston firstly Mr. Robert Herrick Chosen moderater 2ly voted Not to send any Repersantive having the Libert of the Law so to Do 3ly voted that the Commity formaly Chosen to settell Ipswich Line shall advize with some Layear Concaring Suing Ipswich people for a Line

At A Town meeting In manchester Leagely warned and meet to Gather on thursday the 20th Day of June Anno Domini 1745 In order to Chouse 2 men to sarve on ye Jury of tryil at our Next

Inferer Cort of Common pleas to be holden at Salem on ye second tusday of July Next Insuing firstly Mr Robert Herrick Chosen Modrater 2ly Josep Kight & Jonithen Allen Chosen for Jure men

At a Town meeting in Manchester Leagely warned And meet to gather on Monday the 22 Day July Anno Domini 1745 In order to Know the minds of y^{e} people of the town where they will Give Mr Benj^{a} Toppen a Call And what Incorrigement they will give him firstly M$^{r.}$ Robert Herrick Chosen modrater 2ly Voted to Give Mr Benj^{a} Toppen a call Into the work of the Gospell Ministry amongst us 3ly Voted to Give Mr Benj^{a} Toppen to suport the Gospell ministray amongst us £250 old tener for a salray per annum 4ly Voted to give Mr Benj^{a} Toppen for his sattellment amoingst us £400 old tener money And pay one £100 pr year till we have paid the holl £400 5ly voted Mr Richard Coye And Mr John Edwards shall be Commety men to Joyen with the church Commety In order to treet with Mr Benj^{a} Topen. At A Town meeting In Manchester Leagely warned and meet to gather on monday the 4th Day of November Anno Domini 1745 In order to Chovse two Jury men the one sarve on ye jury of triall the other on ye Grand Jury at our Next Sup^{r} Court of Judicatuery Cort of Asizes And Generall Gold Delevery to be holden at Salem on the second Tusday of this Instance Novr firstly Mr Jonathan Herrick Chosen Modrater 2ly John Lee sen chosen to sarve on ye Grand Jury 3ly Benj^{a} Lee Chosen to serve on ye Jury of Triyals.

[30] At A Town meeting In Manchester Leagell warned and meet to gather on Monday the Eleventh Day of Novr Anno Domini 1745 firstly Mr. Robert Herrick Chosen Modrater for s^{d} meeting 2ly Voted to Give Mr Benjn Toppan Two Hundred & Sixty pounds old tener money yearly And Settell it upon a Selver Standerd 3ly voted to Give M$^{r.}$ Benj$^{n.}$ Toppan for a Settelment that Dwelling House Barn Lettel house & all the Land And trees within the fince as it now stands that was formerly Ezekiell Goodels Late of Manchester Deseed — it can be Boght at a Resnebell Rate 4ly Voted to Give M$^{r.}$ Benj^{a} Toppan In Case the above s^{d} Goodels House and Land cannot be boght In Leu thereof the sum of five Hundred pounds old tener money for a Settelment with us In y^{e} Gospell ministery: And paying two Hundred pounds the first year And one Hundred pr year for the three Next fowling years 5ly Voted that Mr Benj^{a} Toppan shall the Vse And Improvement of the ministry Land is in the Town of Manchester Excepting the Ministry Wood

Lots: During s^d time Mr Benj^a Toppan shall be our Minister the Town Humbely prayeth your speddey complyince with the above s^d Vots the meeting is agorned to two oclock In the after Noon In order to reseve Mr Toppans answer

[31] November the Eleventh Seventeen Hundred forty-five To the Town of Manchester Dear Sirs: Since you have thought fit to Give me the subscriber an invitation to settle in the ministry among you I here Declare my Complyance with your invitation upon the following Condittions Viz: 1ly that you Give me two hundred & sixty pounds old tener per annum and settle it upon a Silver Standard 2ly that you Give me for a Settlement that Dwelling House Barn Orchard and all the Land within the fence as it now stands which were formerly the property of Ezekiel Goodel Late of Manchester Deceased in case the same can be bought at A Reasonable Rate, that is if you Give the Dwelling house Barn &c to me for my own property or 3ly in Case the above mentioned House Barn &c Cant be obtained: that you Gave me the sum of four Hundred & fifty pound old tener money when Called for towards a settlement among you. 4ly that you Grant me the vse of the ministry Land that is in the town of manchester During the time I shall be Continued in the ministry among you.

A true Coppy of M^r. Benj^a Toppan Benj^a Toppan

Ancrow to the town of Manchester A^tt pr me John Lee Junr T Clerk upon the Agernment of the meeting it was Voted as fowleth 6ly Voted A Complyince with Mr Benj^a Toppan Ancoer In Novr 11 1745 7ly Voted that Mr Richard Coy John Lee sen^r Robert Herrick John Lee Junr Sam^ll Allen Junr Jonathan Herrick John Edwards Benj^a Lee Jonathan Allen Junr Benj^a Allen Junr And Andrew Hooper shall be A commety to Make A Covenent Between Mr Benj^a Toppan and the Town of Manchester 8ly Voted that the presant Selectmen Namly Mr Robort Herrick John Lee Junr & Jonathan Herrick Shall be a commety to Bargen And by the afore manchened House Barn Land &c that was Ezekill Goodels Decesed And Receve Deeds & pas Deeds to Mr Benj^a Toppan: And also Hire money in the Town of Manchester Behalf And to Give Bond In s^d Town Behalf to pay for the s^d Land &c.

the meeting is agorned to monday the twenty fifth Day of this Instance November Anno Domini 1745 at Eight of the Clock In the forenoon at the Agornment of s^d meeting was voted as foloweth 1ly Voted that the Asserss shall Assess the town of Man-

chester £250 pounds old tener money twords Mr Toppans Settelment And Bying of powder the meeting is agorned to sartdy ye 7th Day of December Next Insuing at Eight of ye Clock in ye fornoon firstly Voted upon the agorment that the Covenant made Between Mr Benj^{a} Topan & the Town of Manchester by the affore s^{d} Commety Is Excepted & Complyed with by s^{d} Town 2ly Voted that ye tow Hundred & fifty pounds old tener money that Mr Robort Herrick John Lee Junr & Jonathan Herrick all of Manch^{r} Hired of Sam^{ll} Lee Esqu^{r} of Marbelehead And Gave Bond the Second Day of December Anno Domini 1745 Shall be pad to the affore s^{d} Mr Robort Herrick John Lee Junr & Jonathan Herrick at or before the Second Day of December Next Insuing with what Intras the affore s^{d} Bond Demands & That is if the affore s^{d} men shall Bring a Recet from Mr Benj^{a} Toppan of the affore s^{d} Money We whose names are Hereunto Subscribed Being A Committee Chosen & Impowered by the Town of Manchester In New England to Agree & Covenant In s^{d} Town's Behalf with Mr Benj^{a} Toppan who has Lately in a Legal meeting of s^{d} Town been Called & Made Choise off to carry on the work of the Gospell Ministry among us and who has promised & Ingaged so to do: 1 o agree with And Confirm to Him as followeth viz —

1 Wee promise to Give Mr Toppan four Hundred And fifty pounds old tener towards his Settlement and pay the same when Demended 2 We promise Him yearly one Hundred & forty Eight ounces of Silver or Bills of Publick Credit Equel to 148 Ounces, and that we promise to Give Him both In Sickness & health During the whole time & tarm of His being our Minister or Standing in a Pastoral Relation to the Church of Christ in this place we 3 we agree that Mr Toppan's salary Commence the first Day of April Next.

[33] 4 We promise that one half of his Salary Shall be paid him yearly the first of October and the other half of it at the end of ye year viz the Last of March 5 We promise that Mr Toppan Shall have the vse & Improvment of all the Ministry Land in the Town of Manchester wich is Inclosed by fence at this Day, and this we promise Him so Long as he Shall Continue in ye ministry among us 6 We promise And Ingage him a Sufficiency of fire Wood for His own family on the Ministry Wood Lot of the aforesaid Town and allso the herbage on the same. 7 we Declare it our Intent & Design to Cut & Hale Mr Toppan fire wood not absolutely engag-

ing to Cut And Hale it Lest the same shuld Come to be a Town Charge 8 We promise the Contribution Box shall be Held every Lords Day & that all the money Contributed shall be Converted to Mr Toppan's use.

Now in Witness & Confirmation of all & singular the Articles and Clauses Herein Contained we Have set too our Hands & Seals this sixth Day of December Anno Domini 1745

John Edwards	Richard Coye
Benja. Lee	John Lee
Jonathan Allen Junr.	Robort Herrick
Benja. Allen Junr.	John Lee Junr
Andrew Hooper	Sam Allen Junr
	Jonathan Herrick.

Manchester December 16 1745 This Day I receivd of Capt. John Lee Mr. Robort Herrick and Mr. Jonathan Herrick the Sum of two Hundred and fifty pounds old tener in part for procuring me a Settlement in the above sd. town Benja. Toppan

[34] At A Town Meeting In Manchester Leagely warrened And meet to Gather on Tusday the 24th Day of December Anno Domini 1745 In order to Chouse Jury men the one for the Grand Jury the Rast on the Jury of Triyles for our Next Infear Cort of Common pleas to be holden at Salem the Last Tusday of December firstly Mr. Robort Herrick Chosen Modrater 2ly Jonathan Harsham Grand Juryman 3ly Chosen for Jury of Triyels Josiah allen and Samll. Stone for the peety Jury

At A Town meeting In Manchester Leagely warrned And meet to gather on ye seventeenth Day of March Anno Domini 1745/6 In order to Chouse Town Officers to sarve ye said Town ye year Insuing: firstly Mr. Robort Herrick chosen Modorater 2ly chosen for Select men Robort Herrick John Lees Junr. Jonathan Herrick 3ly chosen for Town Clerk John Lee 4ly Chosen for A Constable Jeremiah allen 5ly Chosen for Town Trasr. Richard Coye 6ly Voted to Chuse ye Rast of ye Town offices by a hand vote 7ly Chosen for severyers of Highways Richard Coyes Jonathan Herricks Jacob Hoopers Samll. Allens senr. John Herricks 8ly voted that Hogs Shall Go at Large 9ly Voted for Hog Reves George Cros senr William Badcocks senr. Elisha allens Jonathan Herricks John Edwards Benja Jewetts 10ly Chosen for Howards Andrew Hoopers Jonathan

Herrick Elisha Allen Sam^{ll}. Cartor 11ly Chosen for Servayrs of fences Richard Coye Thomas Lee Benj^{a}. Lee 12ly Chosen for Tything men Robert Knowlton John Allen John Orsment 13ly Chosen for seler of wates & marsuers Thomas Lee 14ly Chosen for a marsuer & marker of Tember Thomas Lee 15ly Chosen Daken Benj Lee for Selear of Lather 16ly Chosen for Cordors of Wood Thomas Lee John Edwards 17ly Chosen for Enspater of Dear Ebeneser Tuck 18ly Voted that y^{e} Select men This Day Chosen be assessers to assess the Town of Manchester for y^{e} year Inceuing 19ly Voted that y^{e} assessers this Day chosen shall assess y^{e} Town for the Rev^{r} M^{r}. Benj^{a} Toppan Salary the sum of £65=0=0 20ly Voted that y^{e} assessers shall assess the Town £22 : 10 : 0 to ward y^{e} Defraying the Charge of Keeping a gramor school marster 21ly Voted that the Assessers shall assess y^{e} Town for the Remaining part of y^{e} Rev^{r} M^{r}. Benj^{a}. Toppan Settlemant amongst us & to Defray Town Charges the sum of £83 : 0 : 0 22ly Chosen for Constable [35] Jonathan Allen Jun. And pad his fine 23ly Chosen for Constable Ebenezer Tuck And pad His fine 24ly Chosen for Constable Aaron Bennet Jun. And pad his fine 24ly Chosen for Constable Jacob Hooper 25ly Voted that ye Selectmen shall Let the Town Warff Barring place schoole Land Lettel Crow Island And ye ways to ye same

At a Town meeting In manchester Leagely warrned & meet to gather on monday ye Nintenth Day of may anno Domini 1746 In order to Chouse a Repersantive to Repersent us in a grat and Generall Cort to be hild at Boston firstly Mr John Lee sen^{r}. Chosen Modrater 2ly Voted not to send any parson to Repersent us having the Leberty of ye Law so to Do.

At A Town meeting In manchester Leagely warrned and meet to Gather on Tuorsday the 3^{d} Day of July Anno Domini 1746 In order to Chuse 2 Jury men firstly Richard Day & malachi Allen Chosen for Jury of Trioyls

At A Town meeting In Manchester Leagely warrned and meet to Gather on mondy the thord Day of November Anno Domini 1746 In order to Chouse two Jury men the one to sarve on ye Grand Jury the other on the Jury of trialls at our Next Sup^{r} Cort Judicatuery Cort of Assizes And Generall Gold Delevery to Be holden at Salem on the Second Tuesday of this Instant November firstly

M^{r}. Robort Herrick Chosen modrater 2ly Sam^{ll}. Allen Junr. Chose Grand Jury man 3ly Androw Hooper Chosen to sarve on ye Jury Trioyls Att A Town meeting In Manchester Leagely Warrned and meet to gather on thorsday ye Twenty fift Day of December anno Domini 1746 In order to Chuse 3 Jury men one to Sarve on ye Grand Jury the Rast to sarve on the Jury of Triols firstly Mr Robort Herrick Chosen Moddarater 2ly Benjn. Allen Jun. Chosen to sarve on ye Grand Jury 3ly William Badcock & Azariah Allen Chosen to Sarve on ye Jury of Trioyls

[36] At A Town meeting In Manchester Leagely Warrned and meet to gather on ye sixteenth Day of March Anno Domini 1746/7 In order to Chouse Town officers to Sarve ye s^{d} Town ye year In seuing firstly M^{r}. Robort Herrick Chosen Modrater 2ly Chosen for Selectmen John Lee Junr. Jonathan Herrick & Thomas Lee 3ly John Lee Junr. Chosen Town Clerk 4ly Richard Coye Chosen Town Tres^{r}. 5ly Jonathan Allen Junr. Chosen Constable 6ly Voted to Chouse the Rast of ye Town officers by Hand Vote And all other Bisness 7ly Chosein for sarvars of Highways Sam^{ll}. Allen Junr. Sam^{ll} Cartor Richard Leach & Androw Hooper 8ly Voted that Hogs shall go at Large 9ly Chosen for Hogereves John Lee Junr Robort Herrick John Lee sen^{r}. Jonathan Herrick & Jacob Hooper 10ly Chosen for Howard Sam^{ll}. Allen Junr Benj^{a}. orsment Jacob Hooper Sam^{ll}. Allen sen^{r} 11ly Chosen for Sarvars of finces Richard Coye John Herrick Robort Knowlton And Androw Hooper 12ly Chosen for Tizng men John Edwards Jacob Allen & Benj^{a}. orsment 13ly Chosen for Selear of Wates & marshuers Thomas Lee 14ly Chosen for a marsuer of Tember & Bords Thomas Lee 15ly Chosen for a Seleather of Lather David Presson Junr 16ly Chosen for Cordors of Wood Thomas Lee John Edwards Richard Coye 17ly Chosen for Inspcter of Dear Ebenezer Tuck 18ly Voted that ye Select men this Day chosen shall be Assesrs to Assess ye Town for ye year Insuing 19ly Voted to Give the Rav^{d} Mr Benj^{a}. Toppan for his Covenented Salray £75—0—0 20ly Voted to Give Mr Benj^{a}. Toppan £5—0—0 for ye year Inseuing in ye Lieu of Cuting & Hiling His wood 21ly Voted that ye Assess^{r} shall assess the Town £30—0—0 to-

wards Defraying A Gramor School 22ly Voted that y^e [37] Selectmen Shall Layout ye money Rased for ye school 23ly Voted that ye assess^r. shall assess ye Town to Defray Town Charges £20—0—0 24ly Voted that ye Selectmen shall Leat ye Town Warff ye barren pleas Lettel Crow Iland And ye way Leading to it ye Landing pleas on marstus pint School Land for ye most thay can git And Gravies Iland so Caled the Warff Leat to John Orsment for 39/6 old tener the Landing Pleas upon marstus pint Leat to Ebenezer Tuck for 35s/ old tener the Baring pleas Leat to M^r. Robort Herrick for 25s/ old tener Graves Iland Leat to Mr Sam^ll. Allen Jun. for 37s/ old tener School Land Leat to Benj^a. orsmint for 55s/ old tener

At A Town meeting In Manchester Leagely warrned and meet to Gather on Mondy the six Day of July anno Domini 1747 In order to Chouse 2 Jurey men firstly Joseph Lee & John Allen Chosen Jury men. At A Town meeting In Manchester Leagely warrned and meet to gather on the third Day of Nov. Anno Domini 1747 In order to Chouse two Jurymen ye one to sarve on ye Grand Jury ye other to Sarve on ye Jury of triyals at our Next Sup^r. Cort of Judicatuery Cort of Assizes And Gold Delevery to Beholden at Salem on the Second Tusday of this Instant Novr. firstly M^r. Richard Coye Chosen Modreater 2ly John Lee Junr. Chosen for to Sarve on ye Grand Jury 3ly John fforster Junr : to sarve on ye Jury trioyls Att A Town meeting In Manchester Leagely warrned and meet to gather on monday ye twenty first Day of Decem^r. anno Domini 1747 In order to Chouse 3 Jury men : firstly Mr Robort Herrick Chosen modderator 2ly John Tuck Chosen to Sarve on ye Grand Jury 3ly David Prasson & Jacob allen Chosen to sarve on the Jury of troiyils

[38] At A Town meeting In Manchester Leagely warrned and meet to Gather on Monday the Eighteenth Day of May anno Domini 1747 In order to Choose A Representive to Represent us In A grat and generall Cort to be Hild at Boston firstly m^r Jonathan Herrick Chosen Modrator 2ly Voted Not to send any Parson to Represent us Having the Lebert of the Law So to Do At A Town Meeting In Manchester Leagally Warned And met togethair On ye fourteenth Day of March Anno Domini 1747/8 In Order To Chuse Town officers To Serve the said Town ye year Ensuing 1^t Mr Robert Herrick Chosen Moderator 2^d Chosen for Select Men

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Jonathan Herrick Richd Lee Robert Herrick 3^{d} Chosen for A Town Clerk Richard Lee

4th Chosen for A Town Treasurer Richard Coye
5th Chosen for A Constable Sam^{ll}. Lee Junr & Excepted in his Room John Allen 6th Voted to Chuse the Rest of ye Town officers and Do all other Business Nesesary to be Done at this Present meeting By A hand Vote 7th Chosen for Surveyors of ye High Ways John Lee Senr Benjamin Orsment Robert Knowlton Sam^{ll} Morgan 8th Voted that Swine shall go at Large 9th Chosen for Hogg Reveres Benjamin Orsment Richd Coye John Orsment & Richard Day and Andrew Hooper 10th Chosen for Howards Jonathan Herrick John Tuck John Herrick & John Allen 11th Chosen for fence Vewers Richd Coye Benjamin Lee Jonathan Allen Jacob Hooper 12th Chosen for Tything Men Andrew Hooper William Badcock Junr & John Orsment 13th Chosen for A Sealer of Weights & Measures Thomas Lee 14th Chosen to Measure Boards & Timber Thomas Lee 15th Chosen for a Sealer of Lether David Presson 16th Chosen for Wood Corders Richd Coye John Orsment & Andrew Hooper 17th Chosen for an Inspector of Dear Benjamin Orsment 18th Voted the Revd Mr Toppan 25 [39] Pounds To make good his Last years Salerey 19th Voted ye Revd Mr Toppan 100 Pounds Salerey ye year Ensuing 20th Voted 65 Pound Towards Suporting A free Gramer School for ye year Ensuing and ye same to be Laid Out By the Select men as a Commete towards Defraying the Charge of such A School 21st Voted 30 Pounds towards ye Defraying the Nesesary Charges of ye town for ye Ensuing year 22^{d} voted to abate ye Rates for ye Head of Mr John Orsment for ye year 1747. 23^{d} Voted to Let Sam^{ll} Morgan Have ye Use of Litle Crow Island & ye High Way Leading to it ye Ensuing year for 30 shillings Lawfull money 24th Voted to Let Mr Robert Herrick Have ye Herbage of ye Burying Place for 13/6 ye Ensuing year 25th Voted to Let Mr Benjamin Orsment Have ye herbage of ye School Land 5 years a 35/ Lawfull money pr year and that ye select men shall give him a Lease on Demand 26th Voted to Let Benjamin Orsment Have ye Use of Graves Island for 10/6 Lawfull money ye Ensuing year

27th Voted that Mesrs Robert Herrick Benjamin Lee & Jonathan Herrick shall Treat with the Revd Mr Toppan Concerning Geting him fire wood and make Report of their Doing at ye Town Meeting in May Next Ensuing 28th Voted that ye Select men Shall Be ye assessors for the Town ye year Ensuing 29th Voted that ye Assessors of ye Town shall assess all the wood Land within ye Limits of ye same if ye Law Permit ym so to Do 30th Voted that Jonathan Allen shall Be abated 10/ of his Last year Rates for Transporting an Idiot from Town to Town Severall Times At A Town Meeting In Manchester Leagally Warned and Met together On the Eighteenth Day of May anno 1748 firstly Mr Robert Herrick was Chosen Moderater 2d it is put to vote whether we should send a Representative To Represent us at A Great and General Court To be convened and Held at ye Court House in Boston on the [41] 25 Day Instant and Vote In ye Negative Not to send one
3d The Commettee apointed Last march meeting To Treat With the Revd Mr Toppan about geting His firewood Report that Mr Toppan will Be Content With our Geting Him Ten Cord of Wood yearly or thirty Pounds Old Tenor which we Leave to be Confirmed at Next March meeting 4th Voted that the Select men Shall see to the Getting of Ten Cord of Wood for the Revd Mr Toppan this year on the Towns Charge 5th Voted that John ffoster Senr Robert Herrick Jonathan Herrick Benjamin Lee John Allen and Samll Allen and Richd Lee Shall be Comety To Treat with Ipswich about setting the Bounds and Line Between said Town Viz Ipswich & Manchester. At A Town meeting In manchester Leagally warned and met together on the fifth Day of July Anno Domini 1748 In order To Chuse Jewry men to serve on the Petet Jewry in a Court at Salem To be Held on the Second Tuesday of July Instant 1st Mr Robert Herrick Chosen Moderater 2d John Orsment & Jacob Hooper Chosen To serve on ye Petet Jury in ye Court aforesaid At A Town meeting In Manchester Leagally warrned and met together on the third Day of Octor 1748 In order to Choose Two Jury men one to sarve on ye Grand Jury and the Other on ye Jury of Trials To Be Held at Salem on ye third Teusday of Octor Instant 1st Mr Robert Herrick Chosen moderater for ye meeting 2d Mr Jonathan Herrick Chosen to serve on ye grand Jury 3d Mr Robert Herrick Chosen To sarve on ye Jury of Trials [42] At A Town Meeting in Manchester leagely Worned and meet to gether on October ye the Seventeenth Day in the year 1748 in order to

Chuse a Selectman & Assessor and a Town Clerk 1 ly Mr Jonathan Herrick was Chosen Moderater s^{d} meeting 2ly Benj^{a} Lee Chosen Town Clerk 3ly Chosen Assessor and Selectman Benj^{a} Lee At a Town Meeting in Manchester Leagelly Worned And Meet to Gether on Munday the Twelth Day of December anno Domini 1748 In Order to Chuse three Jurymen Firstly Mr Jonathan Herrick was Chosen Moderater For s^{d} meeting 2ly Jeremiah Allen Chosen Gran Jury man For the year insuing 3ly Chosen to serve on the Jury of Trials Elisha Aallen & Paul Leach

At a Town Meeting in Manchester Leaguelly worned and meet to gether on the Thirteenth Day of March Anno Domini 1748–9 In order to Chuse Town Officers To serve s^{d} Town ye year in suing Firstly Cap^{tn} John Lee Chosen Moderater for s^{d} meeting 2ly Chosen for Select men Jonathan Herrick^{s} Andrew Hooper^{s} & Benj^{a} Lee^{s} 3ly Chosen for Town Clerk Benj^{a} Lee^{s} 4ly Chosen for Town Treasurer Thomas Lee^{s} 5ly Chosen for Constable Jonathan Harsham^{s} 6ly voted to Chuse the rest of the Town officers by a hand vote and all other Town Bisnes Nesesary on s^{d} meeting [**43**] 7ly Chose for Serveyers of High Ways John Foster^{s} Jacob Hooper^{s} Richard Coye^{s} John Orsment^{s} 8ly voted that Hogs Shall go at Large the year Insuing Being youck^{d} & Ringed 9ly Chosen for Hog Revews Robart Knowlton^{s} John Edwards^{s} Joseph Woodbery^{s} Samuel Allen^{s} Junr Samuel Lee Junr 10ly Chosen for Howards Samuell Allen sen^{r} Benj^{a} Orsment^{s} Jonathan Herrick^{s} Andrew Hooper^{s} William Badcock^{s} sn^{r} 11ly Chosen for Serveyers of Fence Richard Coye Robart Herrick 12ly Chosen for Tithen men David Preson Junr Joseph Lee 13ly Chosen for Seler of waits & measures Thomas Lee 14ly Chosen for seler of Lether David Preson Junr 15ly Chosen for Corders of wood Richard^{s} Coye John Orsment^{s} Andrew Hooper^{s} 16ly Chosen for Inspecter of Dear Benj^{a} Orsment 17ly Chosen for Pound Keeper Benj^{a} Orsment Paying twenty shilings old tener 18ly voted that the Select men This Day Chose shall Be Assessors for The year Insuing 19ly Voted that the Assessors shall Tax the Town 100 Pounds for the Revd Mr Benjamin Toppens salary the year Insuing 20ly voted That the Assessors Shall Tax the Town of Manchester Fifty Pound to Keep a gramer School Master the year In Suing 21ly voted that the Assessers shall tax the Town Ten

Pounds to Defray Town Charges y^e year insuing 22ly voted That the Select men shall agree with Som Person To Cut and Hall Ten Cord of Wood for Revd Benj^a Toppen 23ly voted that Robart Herrick shall have the use of the Burying Place the year Insuing for 2^s=6^d Cuting of y^e Briers 3 tims 24ly Voted that John Orsment shall Have y^e use of Graves Hand The year In suing for 10 Shilings 25ly voted That the Select men shall Pay out of the^s Town Stock To Thomas Lee Fifteen Shilings at^d pr John Lee Junr Moderater [44] At a Town Meeting In Manchester Leagaly worned And meet to gether on Munday the Twenty Second Day of May anno Domini 1749 In order to Chuse a Representive to Represent us in a great and generael Cort To be Holden at Boston Firstly Mr Jonathan Herrick chosen Moderater 2ly voted not to send Any Person to Represent us at a grate and Generael Cort To Be Holden at Boston Haveing Liberty By Law

At a Town Meeting In Manches Leagally worned And meet to-Gether on Monday ye Third Day of July Anno Domini 1749 in order to Chuse 2 Jury men To serve on The Petit Jury for Trials at the next Cort of Common Pleas to be Holden at Salem on the second Tuesday of July Instant Firstly Benjamin Jewet and John Haskel Chosen For Jury men for the Cort afore s^d

At a Town Meeting In Manchester Legualy worned and meet to to gether on munday the sixtenth Day of October 1749 In order to Chuse Jury men 1ly Jonathan Herri Choesn Moderater 2ly Chsen for granjurimen Thomas Lee and Samuel Lee Junr 3ly Chosen for Jury of Trials Samuel Allen snr.

[45] Att A Town Meeting in Manchester Leangely worned And meet To gether on Tusday ye 19 Day of December anno Domini 1749 In Order to Chuse Jury men 1ly Captn John Lee was Chosen Moderater for s^d Meeting 2ly Joseph Knight Chosen Gran jury man 3ly Jacob Lee Chosen for Jury of Trials 4ly Ricard Day Chosen for Jury of Trials. Att a Town Meeting in Manchester Leagally Worned and meet To gether on the Twelth Day of March anno Domini 1749–50 In Order to Chuse Town officers to serve s^d Town ye year In suing Firstly Captn John Lee was Chosen Moderater for s^d meeting 2ly Chosen for Select men Jonathan Herrick Andrew Hooper & Captn John Lee 3ly Benj^a Lee. Chosen Town Clark 4ly Benj^a Allen was Chosen Constable 5ly voted to Take seven Pounds old tener for s^d Benj^a Allens fine for Not Serveing

Constable 6ly Thomas Lee was Chosen Town Treasurer 7ly voted to Chuse the Rest of the Town Officers by a Hand Vote 8ly John Herrick Samll Allen Junr Jonathan Herrick & Andrew Hooper was Chosen Serveyers of High ways 9ly Richard Coye Jonathan Herrick Benja Lee Samuel Allen snr. and Jacob Hooper Was Chosen Hog Reves 10ly Gorge Cross Robart Knowlton William Badcock Junr John Allen and Benja Orsment were Chosen Howards 11ly Richard Coye John Herrick Thomas Lee Jonathan Allen Junr was Chosen Serveyers of Fences 12ly Andrew Hooper Jacob Hooper & [46] John Tukesbery was Chosen Tithen Men 13ly Voted that Hogs shall go at Large the year insuing Being Yoked and Ringed acording to Law 14ly Chosen for Sealer of waits and Measures Thomas Lee 15ly Chosen for Measueror of Timber and Bords Thomas Lee 16ly chosen for sealer of Lether David Preson Junr 17ly Chosen for Corders of wood Thomas Lee John Edwards Richard Coye 18 Chosen for Inspecter of Dear Benja Orsment 19ly voted That the Select men This Day Chosen shall be Assessors To Assess the town the year In suing 20ly John Orsment was Chosen Constable for the year insuing he Receiving seven Pounds old Tener from the Town for his Servis as Constable beside their Common alowance for gathering Rats 21ly Voted that the Assessors shall assess the Town so much mony as shall Parchis 48 ounces of Silver for the Revd Mr. Benja Toppans Sallary 22ly voted that the Assessors shall Assess the Town Manchsr so much Mony as will Pay for giting Mr Toppan 10 Cord of firewood and Lay it out for that use 23 Voted that Their shall be layed out 65 Pounds Mony To Defray the Charge of a gramer School the year Insuing 24ly voted that ye Assessors shall Assess the Town 60 Pound to Defray Town & School Charges 25ly Voted that the Select men shall Be a Commite to lay out the mony Raisd for a School in Defray the Charge of a Gramer School Master for this Town ye year In suing 26ly Voted that Robart Herrick shall have the use of the Burying Place for 7s : 6d this year insuing 27 voted That John Orsment shall have the use of graveses Hand for seven years to com Paying in To the Town Tresurer yearly Seven Shilings and Six Pence pr year John Lee Junr Modrator

[47] Att a Town Meeting in Manchester Leagally Warned and meet together on Munday the 21 Day of May Anno Domini 1750 In order to Chuse A Representive to represent us at a great and Generael Cort to be holden at Boston on the 30 Day of this Instant May 1ly mr Jonathan Herrick Chosen Moderator for s^d meeting 2ly it was Put to vote wether the Town would send a Representive and it was voted in the Negetive not to send any Person Haveing Liberty by Law Att a Town Meeting in Manchester Leagually worned and meet together on Munday 2th Day of July Anno Domini 1750 In order to Chuse Jury Men Firstly Samuel Stone S^ar Chosen Juryman 2ly William Badcock Juner Chosen Juryman Att a Town Meeting in Manchester Leagually worned and meet Together On Munday ye 8 Day of October 1750 anno Domini In order to Choose three Jurymen Two on the grand Jury and the other one on the Jury of Trials at the nex Super^or Cort of Judicature To be holden at Salem on The Tuesday of This Instant October Firstly Robart Herrick and Jonathan Allen Junr was Chosen To serve on ye Grand Jury 2 ly John Edwards was Chosen To serve on the Jury of Trials

Att A Town Meeting in Manchester Leagually Worned and meet together on munday 10th Day of Decemb^r Anno Domini 1750 In order To Chuse 3 Jurymen Firstly Captn John Lee Chosen Moderator for s^d meetin 2ly Andrew Hooper Chosen Gran Juryman for ye year insuing 3ly Samuel Allen ye 3^d and Ambrus Allen was chosen To serve on the Jury of Trials

[48] Att a Town Meeting In Manchester Leagually worned And meet together on munday the 4 Day of March 1750/51 anno Do In order to Chuse Town Officers To serve s^d Town the year Insuing Firstly Captn John Lee Chosen Moderator for s^d Meeting 2ly Chosen for Select Men Captn John Lee Jonathan Herrick and Andrew Hooper 3ly Benjamin Lee Chosen Town Clerk 4ly Thomas Lee Chosen Town Treasures 5ly Richard Day Chosen Constable 6ly voted to Chuse the Rest of the Town Officers by a hand vote 7ly Chosen for Serveyers of highways Jacob Allen Joseph Knight John Orsment and John Lee Snr 8ly Chosen for hoge reves Samuel Carter Joseph Knight John Tewxbery and John Orsment 9ly Chosen for Howards Jonathan Herrick William Badcock Junr John Tuck & Andrew Hooper 10ly Chosen for Serveyars of fences Andrew Hooper Benj^a Lee Richard Coy Robart Knowlton 11ly Chosen for Tithen men John Orsment &

John Edwards 12ly Chosen Seler of waits and measures Thomas Lee 13ly Chosen for Measureor of Bords and Timber Thomas Lee and John Lee s^{nr} 14ly Chosen for Corders of wood Benj^{a} Jewett William Badcock Junr and Samuel Carter 15ly Chosen for Inspecter of Dear Benj^{a} Orsment 16ly voted that the Assessors To assess ye Town the year Insuing shall be the Present Select men 17ly voted that the Present Select Men shall order the Town Treasurer To give the Revd Mr Benj^{a} Toppen Ten pounds Lawful money out of the Town Stock 18ly voted That the Assessors shall assess the Town 148 ounces of Silver money for Rev^{d} Mr Benj^{a} Toppens Sallary the year Insuing 19ly voted that the Select men shall git cut and Halled to Mr Toppens Doar 10 Cord of fire wood This presen year from the Ministry land in best maner 20ly Chosen for Seler of Lether David Preson Junr 21ly voted that the Assessors shall assess the Town Thirty Pound Lawful money To Defray the Charge of a gramer School master ye year Insuing [49] 22ly voted That the Select men shall be a Commite To Provid A School master the year Insuing 23ly voted That the Assessors shall assess the Town 25 Pounds to Defray Town Charges ye year Insuing 24ly voted To Repear the Meeing house in Manchester this year 25 the meeting is adjornned to the 18th of March Instant Meet on the above s^{d} adjornment 1ly voted to Bye the front Row of Pues in the front gallary and the front seats on the side gellary and the mens Seats below on the flor for ye Town 2ly voted that the Proprietors in the Meeting house In Manchester And the Non propritors vote together in Town Meeting in the affair under consideration viz for Repearing or Inlarging the said Meeting house any Law or Reason to the Contrary notwithstanding 3ly voted that the town grant a tax on poles & Estates for Raising The sum of Forty five pounds Lawful Money for Defraying One half of the Charge of Repearing of the Meeting house provided The Proprietors of the Seats in the Meeting house at a Legal Proprietors Meeting Rase a tax on their seats for the like sum of Forty Five pounds L. money for Defraying the other half of the charge of said repears of wich if thay fail then the above vote to bee of no force nor vertue and also voted To grant Liberty To Benj.^{a} Marston Esq and Samuel Allen Junr and their associates in case thay cannot be provided with seats in the Meeting house to their satisfaction to make an inlargement of said house at their one Cost and for there accomodation In manner as hereafter is Ex-

pressed viz. to carry the South East side of the house nine or ten feet Back where side may be about 45 feet and take a Rafter running on the same slope with the old house to remove the pulpit back and make a Range of Pues along by the wale and leave a small alley between the new Pevs and the present wall Pues and to make sides to the Present wale Pews in maner like the other work And to lengthen the gallary at our one Cost & for our advantage And Compleat the hole in Anno 1751 or not at tall 4ly voted to give the plank and girts and Cords & Plarstering of the South East side of the Meeting house to the sd Benj^{a} Marston & Samuel Allen & their associates to enable them To carry on the inlargment above mentioned [50] 5ly voted that the Town and Proprietors out of their Jont Stock of money for Repearing the Meeting house Be at the Charge of four window frames of like Dementions with the Others & sashes and glase and pulpit windows And Place them on South East side of ye inlargment and That thay out of the before mentioned Stock Clabord as many Square feet on the Out side of the Inlargment as there are Square feet Clabbording now on the S East Side of the Meeten house 6ly voted that the Assessors shall Assess the Town 25 pounds Lawful money to Defray Town Charges the year Insuing 7 Voted that if the oners of the front Pues Refuse to sell them then the Town to Build a seat before said Pues vote 8ly that Samuel Lee Jun'r Jonathan Allen Junr. Jonathan Herrick Benj^{a} Lee and Robart Knowlton shall be a Commite to repear the Meeting house In Manchester 9ly voted that the Commit Chosen To Repear the meeting house In Manchester namely Sam^{ll} Lee Jn. Jonathan Allen Junr. Jonathan Herrick Benj^{a} Lee and Robart Knowlton shall be a Commite To agree with ye oners of The Pues and seats in the Meeting house and bye the same For the Town of Manchester as Cheap as thay Can 10ly voted To Build a Stephel To the Meeting house In Manchester in the year 1752 11ly voted the Commite Chosen to Repear the Meeting house shall Provide Timber In the Insuing winter To build the afore said Stephel 12ly the Meeten Is ajorned to the 1 Day of April at 2 of the Clock in the after noon Meet together on the Jornment above mentioned 1ly voted to abat Benj^{a} orsment 2 fifths of the 5 years Rent of the School land he haveing no Liberty to Cut any wood and to Prosecute any that shall cut on s^{d} land Att a Town Meeting in Manchester Leagually worned And Mett Together on Tusday 21th Day of May Anno Domini

1751 In order to Chuse a Representive to Represent us at a great And generael Court to be holden att Boston on the 29 Day of this Instant May 1ly Captn John Lee Chosen Moderater for this present meeting 2ly It was Put to vote wether thay would send a Representive and it was voted in the Negetive not to send one Haveing Liberty by Law 3ly voted that the Town Is willing to sell for a Valleyable Consideration To Coll. Benj^{a} Marston of Manchester Esq The South Dore way and the alley between the Pue Belong to Nathaniel Lee Dece^{sd} and that Pue belong to Deacon Jonathan Herrick And others In Manchester If s^{d} Marston will give the Town an aquitance of the Priviledge of building an addission to the Easterly Side of the Meeting house in Manchs^{r} and we Impour The present Select men to agree with s^{d} Marston for the all ye above Dore way and give [51] s^{d} Marston an a thenteck Deed thereof To him and his heirs But if s^{d} Select Men & Benj^{a} Marston Esq Do not agree upon the Price of the Dore way then ye hole of the above vote to be voide

Att a Town Meeting In Manchester Leagully worned and Mett together on ye 8 of July ye 1751 In order To Chuse Jury Men and Dow the other bisness to be Don at s^{d} Meeting 1ly Deacon Jonathan Herrick Chosen Moderator for s^{d} Meeting 2ly Chosen to serve on the Jury of trials Samuel Carter and John Allen 3ly voted that the Commity Chosen by the Town of Mancheste in ye year 1750–1 To Repear the Meeting house namly Samuel Lee Junr Jonathan Allen Junr Jonathan Herrick Benj^{a} Lee & Robart Knowlton shall Take Down Any Pew or any Part of any Pue in the front of the front Gallary If the oners Refuse to sell the same to the town 4ly voted that the Present Select Men are hereby Impoured To sell To Mr Samuel Allen Junr for what thay think It Is worth the Rume in the North Stair way below In The Meeting House In Manchester with a small addission out of the alley that Leads out at the North Dore of s^{d} house if s^{d} Allen can geet ye oners of the Pew adjonin to s^{d} alley willing to Remove the same the above in Case the s^{d} town Builds a Sephel to the Meeting house if not to be void and of none Effect 5ly voted that the Town o Manches^{r} Shall pay any part of the Repears of the Meeting house wich s^{d} Town shall Purchis of any Proprietor of s^{d} Meeting House [52] Att a Town Meeting In Manchester Leagually worned an Mett together on Tusday ye 8 Day October anno Domini 1751 In order to Chuse 4 Jury men 2 to serve on the grand Jury &

2 on the Jury of trials at the next Court to be holden at Salem and also Chuse a Committe to seat the Meeting house in Manchester

Firstly Capt John Lee Chosen Moderator for sd Meeting 2ly Benja Lee & Samuel Allen Junr Chosen to serve on the Grand Jury 3ly Beniamin Allen And Jacob Hooper Chosen to serve on the Jury of Trials 4ly Chosen for Commete Men to Seat the Meeting house Samuel Allen Snr Captn John Lee Captn Samuel Lee Mallachi Allen and Dea Jonathan Herrick Att a Town Meeting In Manchester Leagually wornd And Mett to gether on munday ye 16 Day December 1751 In order to Chuse 3 Jury men one to serve on the standing Grand Jury for the Insuing year & 2 to serve on the Jury of trials at the Nex Inferier Court of Common Pleas To be Holden at Salem 1ly Deacn Jonathan Herrick Chosen Moderator for sd Meeting 2ly Josiah Allen Chosen to serve grand Jury man 3ly Chosen to serve on the Jury of Trials John Pears & Benja Leach Att A Town Meeting in Manchester Leagually worned And mett Together on 16th Day of March Anno Domi 1752 In order to Chuse Town Officers to serve sd Town the year Insuing Firstly Conbl Benjamin Marston Esq Chosen Moderater for sd Meeting 2ly Chosen for Selectmen Captn John Lee Dea Jonathan Herrick & Mr Thomas Lee 3ly Chosen for a Town Clerk Benjamin Lee 4ly Chosen for a Constable John Haskell 5ly Chosen for a Town Treasurer Mr Thomas Lee 6ly voted to Chuse the rest of the Town Officers by a hand votes 7ly Chosen for Serveyars of highways John Allen Robert Knowlton Thomas Lee & John Edwards 8ly voted that hogs shall go at large being yoked & Ringed acording to Law 9ly Chosen for Hoge Reves Captn Samuel Lee Samuel Allen snr Richard Coye Jonathan Herrick & Andrew Hooper 10ly Chosen For Houerds Jerimiah Allen snr Samuel Carter John Tewxbury Jonathan Herrick & Joseph Knight 11ly Chosen for fencevewers Benjamin Lee Thomas Lee Andrew Hooper & William Badcock 12ly Chosen for tithen Men William Cleaves Samuel Allen Junr 13ly Chosen for Sealer of waights and Measures Thomas Lee 14ly Chosen for Measurer of Bords and timber Thomas Lee John Lee John Foster 15ly Chosen for Sealer of Lether David Preson Junr 16ly Chosen for

corders of wood Thomas Lee Samuel Carter Andrew Hooper 17ly Chosen for Inspecter of Dear John Allen 18ly Chosen for Comittee to Examine the Towns Accompts with the Town Treasurer for the time past Coll. Benj^{a} Marston Mr John Foster Captn Samuel Lee & Mak Report at The next meeten 19ly voted for the Ministry Salary Fifty Pounds 20ly voted for a gift to the Minister Ten Pounds 21ly voted to the use of the School Twenty Pounds 22ly voted for the County Charges and the seport of The Poor and to Make up the Deficiencies In Collection For the year In suing Twenty Pounds 23ly Voted to tax the Town one Hundred pounds to defray The Charge of Building a Steeple to the Meeting House In Manchester 24ly voted that Benjamin Lee Jonathan Herrick Capt Samuel Lee Robart Knowlton & Jonathan Allen Junr be a Comittee to build the Steeple & lay their account of the Charge of the same before the Town for Acceptance 25ly voted the present Select men be Assessers for the year Insuing 26ly Voted the present Selectmen bee a School Comittee ye year Insuing 27ly voted Coll. Benjamin Marston Esq Captn John Lee Mr John Foster Deacon Jonathan Herrick & Mr Samuel Allen Junr be a Comittee Fully Impoured to treat with a Comittee of ye Town of Ipswich about the gore of Land in Contreverce Between ye sd Ipswich & the Town of Manchester & settle the line betwen ye s^{d} towns in the place before mentioned & make sale of s^{d} ger of land according to the best of their Discretion & be accountable to ye s^{d} town of Manchester for [54] the purchase Consideration thereof Att a Town Meeting in Manchester Leagally worned And mett Together on Munday th Eighteenth Day of This Instant May ano Do 1752 In Order to Chuse A Representive to Represent us at a grate and generael Court to be holden at Boston on the last Tuesday of may Inst 1ly Co^{ll} Benj^{a} Marston Esq Chosen Moderator this Meeten 2ly It was put to vote wether thay would send a Representive and it was voted in the negetive not To send any perso to Represent us at the Court afor s^{d} 3ly voted that ye Present Select Men namly Captn John Lee Mr Thomas Lee & Dea Jonathan Herrick be a Commitee Impowered to Sell the Towns part of the old Glass & Lead and old Clabords & old window frames which belonged to the Meeten house In Manchester And the Produce thereof the be laid out on the Repears of The s^{d} House Att a Town Meeting In Manchester Leagally worned and Meet to gether on Munday the Twenty ninth Day of this Inst.

June Anno Domini 1752 in order to Chuse Two Jury men Firstly Chosen for Jury Men John Tewxbury & John Tuck to serve at our Next Inferior Court of Commen Pleas to be holden at Salem Att a Town Meeten In Manchester Leagally Worned and Meet To gether on Tusday ye Ninteenth Day December Anno Domi 1752 In order to see what the Town will Dow about Settleing the Line Between Ipswich & Manchester and what thay will Dow About Raising Money for a Steeple and giting wood for the Revd Mr Benj^{a} Toppan for his Fireing this present year Firstly Dea Jonathan Herrick Chosen Moderater for s^{d} Meeting 2ly voted that Co^{ll} Benj^{a} Marston Esqr Mr John Foster Captn John Lee Mr Thoms Lee Mr Samuel Lee Jr. & Sam^{ll} Allen Junr & Jonathan Herrick be a Comittee fully authorized & impowred to manage & Settle the Controversie between this town and ye Town of Ipswich relating to the line between us & also Relateing To [55] the Persons that have Entered upon part of this Town Ship And holds the Town out of the same to manage settle or Compound the Matter with them hereby giveing our said Comt^{ee} full power Lawfull authority to use any or all proper Lawful means Whatsoever for affecting the same or obtaining the possession of the Land snatched from us By the Comeners of Ipswich afse^{d} or any person or persons whatsoever and if need be in order theirto to appear in our name and behalf before any Court Legislative or Executive to petision Claim Demand or sue for the Recovery of our Righte in the land before mentioned & to Prosecute the same to Final Jndgment and Execution also Hereby giveing to our said Comittee power & anthority of Making an attorny or attornys under them with Further Power of substitution & to prosecute & Manage the affair Above mentioned in all Respects in as full & Ample a Maner as the Town could in any wise do by any act or vote of Their one 3ly voted that Samuel Allen Junr Shall have ye same Privilege of the Steair way in the Meeten house at ye same price as he before had if the Town shall hreafter build a Steeple to s^{d} house 4ly voted that the Selectmen shall Provide on The Towns Cost for the Revd Mr Benj^{a} Toppans Fireing 10 Cord of wood from the Ministry lots 5ly voted that the assessors shall assess the Town Sixty pounds Lawful mony to pay for the Timber which was got for to build a Steeple and to pay other Town charges.

Att a Town Meeten in Manchester Leagally worned and meet to gether on the 19th Day of Decem^{r} 1752 In order to Chuse 3 Jury men Firstly Jacob Allen Chosen to serve on the gran Jury for the

year In suing 2ly David Preson snr & Elisha Allen Chosen To serve on the Jury of trials at the Nex Inferior Court of Comman Pleas to be holden at Salem on the Last Tusday of this Instant December &c

[56] At a Town Meeting in Manchester Leagually wornd and met together on munday the fifth Day of March 1753 to see if Town will give up to the Cominors there right In a gore of land lying in the western part of our Comon Lands in Manchester & to see if the Town will supply the commenors Committee with money to Carry on a Law Sute with the Cominors of Ipswich or Town of Ipswich or Possessors of s^{d} lands for the recovery of the same

Firstly Deacon Jonathan Herrick Chosen Moderator for this present Meeten 2ly voted to give to the Cominnors of Manchester all Their Right and titel to that gore of land wich the Cominors voted to the Town on ye 29 Day of March anno Do 1743 3ly voted by the town that the Cominors Committee shall Draw from the Town Treasurer what Money thay have need of to Carry on the Law sute with the Cominors or Town of Ipswich or Possessors of s^{d} Lands 4ly voted that the Town is willing that the Select men shall Dispose of the goods wich was left by Edmund Clerk Dec^{ed} and settle accompts with the Deters and Creditors Att a Town Meeting In Manchester Leagually worned And met To gether on munday ye twenty Sixth Day of March Ano Domini 1753 In orde to Chuse Town officers To serve s^{d} town ye year Insuing Firstly Deacon Jonathan Herrick chosen Moderator for s^{d} meeting 2ly Chosen for Select men Cap^{tn} John Lee Mr Samuel Allen Junr Deacon Jonathan Herrick Mr Thomas Lee & Mr Samuel Lee Junr 3ly Chosen for a Town Clerk Benjamin Lee 4ly Chosen for a Constable Jeriniah Allen S^{ur} 5ly Chosen for a Town Treasurer Thomas Lee 6ly voted to Chuse the rest of the Town officers by a hand vote 7ly Chosen for Serveyers of highways Benjamin [57] Lee John Orsment John Tewxbury and Paul Leach 8ly voted that hogs shall go at large being yoaked Ring^{d} a cording to Law 9ly Chosen for hog Reves William Cleaves Benj^{a} Orsment John Haskell Richard Day John Edwards and Jacob Hooper 10ly Chosen for Servayers of fences Thomas Lee Richard Coye Jonathan Allen Junr and Andrew Hooper Snr. 11ly Chosen for houards Benj^{a} Ober John Tuck Richard Day Jacob Hooper 12ly Chosen for tithen men Elisha Allen and John Orsment 13ly Chosen for Seal-

er of waights and measures Thomas Lee 14ly Chosen for measurer of Bords & Timber Thomas Lee John Lee Snr and John Edwards 15ly Chosen for Sealer of Lether David Presen Junr. 16ly Chosen for Corders of wood Thomas Lee Joseph Knight and John Allen. 17lv Chosen for Inspecter of Dear John Allen 18ly Chosen for Collers of Fish John Foster Captn John Lee Samuel Lee Samuel Allen and Benjamin Allen 19ly Chosen for a Pound Keeper Benjamin Orsment 20ly voted that the Select men this Day Cosen viz Captn John Lee Sam^{ll} Allen Junr Jonathan Herrick Thomas Lee and Sam^{ll} Lee Junr Shall Be Assessors To Assess the Town of Manchester The year Insuing 21ly voted that the Assessors shall Assess the Town Fifty Pounds Lawful Money for the Revd Mr Benjamin Toppans Sallary this present year 22ly voted that the assessors shal assess the Town Thirteen pounds six Shillings and Eight pence lawful Money for a gift To the Revd Mr Benj^{a} toppen for ye year 1752 23ly voted that the assessors shall assess the Town Thirty Five pounds Lawful Money to Defray the Charge of a gramer School marster y^{e} [58] year In suing 24ly voted that the present Select men shall be a Commitee To Lay out the Money voted for the seport of a School Master 25ly voted that the assessors shall assess the Town Thirty five pounds Lawful money to Defray Town Charges 26ly voted to build a Steeple to the Meeten house From the beeams and upwards near the forme of Glocester New Meeting house standing in the Revd Mr Rogers is Parrish 27ly voted to be a committee to build The afore s^{d} Steeple Benj^{a} Lee senr Jonathan Herrick Sam^{ll} Lee Junr Robart Knowlton Jonathan Allen Junr 28ly voted that the assessors shall assess the town Twenty five pounds lawful money to Defray the Charges of Building the afore s^{d} Steeple and If the afore said 25 pounds be not seficent to pay the Charge of the s^{d} Steeple then the fore said Committee shall Draw what Money thay want to finch the afore s^{d} Steeple from The Town Treasurer 29ly voted & a full vote by the Town to abate Mr Ames Cheevers snr Rates the Two Lastes years also voted that the assessors shall not Rate Mr Ames Cheever ye year Insuing 30ly voted to pay unto Counstable Richard Day one pound twelve shilling To bear part of the Charge of an Execution which he had from the Province Treasurer 31ly the Town Meeten is a Jorned to the Second Day of April Nex Mett to gether on ye above s^{d} a Jornment 1ly voted to Renew the Choice of Paul leach For a serveyar of highways Att a Town Meting in Manchester

Leagually Warned and Meet to gether on ye 21 Day of May Anno 1753 In order to Chuse a Representive 1ly Mr Thomas Lee [59] Chosen Moderator for this Meeten 2ly it was put to vot Wether we should send a Representive to Represent us At a great and generael Court to be holden at Boston on the Last wensday of this Instant May and it was voted not to send any Person haveing Liberty by law so to do. Att a Town Meeting In Manchester Leagually Warned and meet to gether on the third Day of July anno Do 1753 In Order to Chuse Two Jury men to serve at the Next Inferor Court to be holden at Salem on the Second Tusday of this Instant July Firstly Benjamin Ober Chosen Jury man 2ly Abraham Mastus Junr Chosen Jury man For the a fore Said Court Att a Town Meeting in Manchester Leagually Warned And meet To gether on Teusday ye ninth Day of October Anno Do 1753 In Order to Chuse 4 Jury men Firstly Captn John Lee and Jonathan Herrick Chosen to serve on the grand Jury at the nex Superer Court to be Holden at Salem 2ly Mr Thomas Lee and Robart Knowlton Chosen To serve on the Jury of Trials at the afore s^{d} Court Att a Town Meeting in Manchester Leagually warned & Meet to gether on Tusday the Eighteenth Day of December ano Do 1753 In orde to Chuse 3 Jury men To serve at the Next Inferior Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Salem On the Last Teusday of this Instant Decemb^{r} Firstly Richard Day Chosen grand Jury man for the In suing year 2ly Aaron Lee Chosen to serve on ye Jury of Trials at the afore s^{d} Court Att a Town Meeting In Manchester Leagually warned And meet to gether on ye 21 Day Decemb^{r} [60] ano Do 1753 In order to Chuse one Jury man to serve on the Jury of Trials at the Nex Court to be holden at Salem on the Last Teusday of this Instant December Firstly Jacob Lee was chosen to serve on the Jury of Trials at The a fore said Court Att a Town Meeting In Manchester Leagually Warned and meet to gether on Munday 18th Day of March Anno Domini 1754 In order to Chuse Town Officers to serve s^{d} Town the year In suing Firstly Captn John Lee Chosen Moderater for this Meeting 2ly voted to Except The Towns accompts as thay are now Read in this Meeting 3ly voted to Chuse five Select men and thay to bare The Charge of their one time thay spend in making Rates For the Town the in suing year 4ly Chosen for Select Men Captn John Lee Mr Thomas Lee Captn Samuel Lee Deacon Jonathan Herrick and Benj^{a} Lee sur 5ly Chosen for a Town Clerk Benj^{a} Lee sn^{r}

6ly Chosen for a Constable Samuell Allen Junr 7ly Chos for a Town Treasurer Mr Thomas Lee snr 8ly voted to Chuse the Rest of the town officers and Dow the other bisness of this Meeting by a hand voat 9ly Chosen for surveyars of High ways John Lee sn^{r} John Tuck William Davisson Stephen Low & Richard Leach 10ly voted That the Select men Shall agree with Samuel Allen Junr and give him what money thay think is Reasonable for the 5 Pounds which s^{d} Allen payed to the Town for not sarveing connstable in ye year 1744 11ly Chosen for Hog Reves Richard Day John Allen Jonathan Herrick Andrew Hooper Benj^{a} Ober and Jacob Allen also voted that hogs shall go at large Being yoaked and Ringed according to Law. 12ly Chosen for Haywards Benj^{a} Ober William Davisson Stephen Low [62] Richard Day and John Allen 13ly Chosen for fence Viewers Thomas Lee Benj^{a} Lee Jacob Allen & Benj^{a} Ober 14ly Chosen for Tithen Men Benj^{a} Ober & William Davisson 15ly Chosen for Measurer of bords and timber John Lee snr Thomas Lee and John Edwards 16ly Chosen for Sealer of Waights and Measurers Thomas Lee 17ly Chosen Sealer of lether Elisha allen 18ly Chosen for Corders and Measurers of wood Elisha Allen Stephen Low & John allen 19ly Chosen for Inspecter of Dear John Allen 20ly Chosen for Collors of fish John Foster Captn John Lee Captn Sam^{ll} Lee Samuell Allen snr and Benjamin Allen 21ly Chosen for a pound keeper Benj^{a} orsment 22ly voted that the Select Men this Day Chosen shall be assessors to assess the Town the year insuing 23ly voted that the assessors shall assess the Town Fifty pounds Lawful money for the Revd Mr Benj^{a} Toppan Sallary the year In suing 24ly voted that the assessors This Day Chosen shall assess the Town Twenty pounds Lawful money for a gift to the Revd Mr Toppan for the year 1753 25ly voted that the assessors shall assess the Town Thirty five Pounds lawful money to Defray the Charge of a gremer School Master ye year insuing 26 voted that the Select Men shall be a Committee to lay out the Money in Provoiding a School Master or School Masters for s^{d} Town the year insuing 27ly voted that the assessors shall assess The Town Forty pounds Lawful Money to Defray Town Charges 28ly voted to Build a Steeple to the Meeting house From the ground and upwards in Lew of the Steeple that was To be built from the beeams and upwards in the year 1753 29ly voted that Captn John Lee Captn Sam^{ll} Lee Mr Thomas Lee [63] Robart Knowlton Jonathan Herrick Benj^{a} Lee snr John Edwards and

Jonathan Allen Junr be a Committee to Build a Steeple to the Meeting house that is to say Provide workman and Stuf and over see the work of Building and Compleating of The a Fore sd Steeple in the year 1754 If it can be don with Convenency 30ly voated that the assessors shall assess the Town Fifty Pounds Lawful Money to Defray the Charge of Building the a fore sd Steepl 31ly voted that the Committee Chose to build the Steeple shal Lay out the Fifty Pounds voted for that use and Draw from the Town Treasurer what money thay want To Compleat the Building of the a fore sd Steeple 32ly voted that the Present Select men viz Captn John Lee Captn Samuel Lee Mr Thomas Lee Deacon Jonathan Herrick and Benjamin Lee Be a Committee Impowered by the Town and in the Towns be half to give unt John Lee Junr a leagal Convayence or Warranttee Deed in fe simple of Twenty Pols of the Towns Land Lying on the Easterly End and a Joyning to his Dwelling house for the sum of Thirteen pounds six shillings and Eight pence Lawful Money and the afore sd sum of Money to be let out upon Intrest by the Select Men or others whome The Town shall appoint for that servis as Long as the Revd Mr Benja Toppan shall Continnue a Minister in This Town and the Intrest of a bove sd sum of Thirteen pounds Six shillings and Eight pence in Money to be Given yearly to the Revd Mr Benja Toppan Dureing the hole term of his Ministery a Mong us in Manchester &c The meeting is a Jorned to the twenty fifth of this Instant March at one of the Clock in the Day Mett to gether on the above sd a jornment 1ly voted that The Select men [64] shall not Rate Mr Ames Cheevers snr The Insuing year 2ly voted that If any persen be a Mind to Repear the Town worf the in suing year on There one Cost thay have liberty by sd Town Att a Town Meeting In Manchester Leagually worned and Meet to gether on Munday 20th Day of May anno Do 1754 In order to Chuse a Representative to serve for and Represent us at a great and Generael Court to be holden Att Boston on the Last Wednesday of this Instan May 1ly Deacon Jonathan Herrick Chosen Moderater 2ly it was put to vote wether we should send a Representive and it was voted in ye Negetive not to send any Person to Represent us at the a for sd Court Haveing the liberty by law so to do Att a Town Meeting In Manchester Leagually worned and meet to gether on Munday ye 8 Day of July anno Domini 1754 In order to Chse Two Jurymen to serve on the

Jury of trials at the next Inferior Court to be holden at Salem on the first tusday of this Instant July Firstly Samuel Allen ye 3^d was Chosen Jury man 2ly William Davison Chosen Jury Man to serve at the a fore s^d Court. Att a Town Meeting in Manchester Leagually Worned & Meet together on Munday the Seventh Day of September anno Do 1754 In order to Chuse four Jury men to serve att the Next Superiour Court of Judikiture to be holden at Salem on the third Tuesday of October Nex In suing and Do the other bisness to be Don at this Meeting Firstly Captn Samuel Lee Chosen Moderator for the Meeten 2ly Chosen for to serve on the grand Jury Samuel Lee & John Allen 3ly Chosen to serve on the Jury of trials John Edwards And John Easkoot snr at the afore s^d [65] 4ly Voted that Captn Samuel Lee Captn John Lee Mr Thomas Lee Samuel Allen Junr John Edwards Benj^a Lee snr Jonathan Herrick Benj^a. Allen Be A Committee To See Where the Highways Wants widening and to worn such Person or Persons as thay ye s^d Committee or the Mager part of Them fiends gilty of in Crochments on the s^d highways And if any Person or Persons shall Neglect or Refuse to Remove there Fences ye said Comittee are ordred to make Return of the Name or Names of Such Person or Persons to The Town Att our Next Town Meeting in December Insuing 5ly Voted that the Present Selectmen shall Draw From the Town Treasurer What Money thay shall think nedful to Joyn with other Towns and Lay it out in such a way and manner as thay shall think most Likely to Destroy those Devouring Wolves which are in or may be found in the Woods Between Ipswich Glocester Manchester Beverly and Whenham

Att a Town Meeting In Manchester Leagually Warned and Mett to gether on the Ninth Day of December anno Domini 1754 In order to Chuse three Jury Men one to serve on the grand Jury and the other two to serve on Jury of Trials at the Next Inferior Court of Comman Pleas to be holden at Salem on the Last Tusday of this Instant December 1ly Decon Jonathan Herrick Chosen Moderator for this Meeten 2ly Chosen for grand Jury Man Paul Leach Snr 3ly Chosen to serve on the Jury of Triels Thomas Lee Junr and Samuel Stone Junr

Att a Town Meeten In Manchester Leagually worned and meet to gether on Munday ye Seventeenth Day of March anno Domini 1755 In Order to Chuse Town officers To s^d Town the year In suing First ly Captn John Lee Chosen Moderator for this Meeing 2ly

[66] voted that the Town will stand a Law Suit with Mr Samuel ye 2d Counstable If he shall commence one against the Town for gathering Rates the last year 3ly Chosen for Selectmen Captn. John Lee Captn Samuel Lee and Deacon Jonathan Herrick 4ly Chosen for a Town Clerk Benjamin Lee snr 5ly Chosen for a Constable Joseph Knight 6ly Chosen for a Town Treasure Mr Thomas Lee Jur 7ly voted to Chuse the Rest of the Town officers and Dow the Rest of the Town besness to be Don at this meetn by a hand vote 8ly Chosen for Survayors of highways John Edwards Samuel Allen ye 2d Joseph Mastus Captn John Lee Captn Samuel Lee & Robart Knowlton 9ly voted that Each of the Survayors of highways this Day Chosen shall work on ye high ways them selves and there words three Days before the Last Day of August Next on Penelty of paying five shillings to the Town for there neglect or non performance of sd work 10ly Chosen for hog Reves Jeremiah Allen snr John Haskell Samuel Carter John Tewxbury Jacob Hooper and Elisha allen 11ly Chosen for Houeids John allen Stephen Lowe Benja. Ober Jonathan Herrick and Richard Day 12ly Chosen for fence Vewers Thomas Lee Benja Lee Benja Ober Jacob allen 13ly Chosen for Tithen men Benja Ober Stephen Lowe 14ly Chosen for Measurer and Marker of bords & Timber Thomas Lee John Edwards John Easkoot 15ly Chosen for seler of Waights & Measures Thomas Lee 16ly Chosen for Sealer of Leather 17ly Chosen Corders of wood John allen Elisha Allen 18ly Chosen for Collers of Fish John foster snr Captn John Lee Captn Samll Lee Samuel Allen Snr and Benja Allen 19ly Chosen For a Pound keeper Samuel Carter 20ly voted that the Present Select Men this Day [67] Chosen shall be Assessors to Assess the Town the year In suing 21ly voted that the Assessors shall Assess the Town Fifty Pounds in Money for the Revd Mr Benja Toppans Sallary the in suing year 22ly voted that the assessors shall assess the Town Twenty Pounds money for the Revd Mr Benja Toppans Seport and Maintainance 23ly voted That the Assessors shall Assess the Town Thirty Eight Pounds money to Seport the Charge of a gramer School master the year In suing 24ly voted that the Select men this Day Chosen shall be a Committee to Lay out the afore sd money for a School Master 25ly voted that the Assessors shall Assess the Town Seventy Pounds to Defray Town Charges 26ly Voted that the Assessors shall assess The Town Seventeen Pounds

Money to Pay the Charge of bying the back Row of Pues in the front gallary and the back Row of Puews in the Northern End gallary in the Meeting House in Manchester 27ly voted that Mr Thomas Lee Jonathan Allen Junr and Jacob Allen shall be a Commit to bye the a fore sd Puews in the Towns be half & on the Towns Cost and if any one or more of the oners of sd Puews shall Refuse to sell to the Town their Puew or Right in a Puew then the above sd Committee Take it Down and build up the Roume in to Seats for the use of the Town & sd town to bare ye Committee Harmless and pay their Charge for there so Doing 28ly Chosen for Inspecter of Dear John Allen Att a Town Meeting In Manchester Leagually warned And Mett to gether on the Twentyth Day of this Instant May anno Do 1755 In order to Chuse a Representitive and Do the other bisness to be Don at this meeting 1ly Captn John Lee Chosen Moderator for this Meeting [68] 2ly twas put to vote wether the Town would send a Representive and it was voted not to send any person to Represent us at a great and generael Court to be holden at Boston on the 28 Day this Instant May anno 1755 Having Liberty by Law so to Dow 3ly voted the Present Select men viz Captn Samuel Lee Captn John Lee and Deacon Jonathan Herrick be and are here by Impowred by this Town to build a Stone wall or imploy others to build it from the Town worfe to the Corner of the Stone wall standing on the Ministry land be low the School house in the Cheapest and best maner thay can and to wait for the pay untin someteme tord the later part of the year 1756 If thay cannot git the A fore sd wall made by subscription

Att a Town Meeten In Manchester Leagually warned and Mett to gether on 24 Day of June anno Do 1755 in order To Chuse Two Jury men to serve at the Next Inferiour Court to be holden at Salem on the Second Tuesday July Next 1ly Aaron Bennit Chosen Jury man 2ly Joseph Mastus Chosen Jury man to serve at the a fore sd Court Att a Town Meeten In Manchester Leagually warned And Mett To gether on munday the Sixth Day of October ano 1755 In order to Chuse four Jury men two to serve on the Grand Jury and two to serve on the Jury of trials at the Next Superiour Court to be holden at Salel on the third Teusday of this Instant October Firstly Captn John Lee Chosen Moderator for this Meeten 2ly Captn John Foster and Benja Lee Chosen to serve on the Grand Jury 3ly Benja Allen and Jacob Hooper was Chosen to serve on the Jury of Trials at the a fore sd Court Att a

Town Meeten In Manchester Leagually warned and Mett to gether on Munday ye Twenty Second Day of this Instant Decemb^r^ an Do 1755 In order to Chuse three Jury men and Dow the other bisness to be Don at this Meeting Firstly Chosen for A Moderator for this Meeten Dea^e^ Jonathan Herrick 2ly Chosen for [70] grand Jury man for ye In suing year John Day 3ly Chosen to serve on Jury of trials At the nex in Ferionr Court to be holden at Salem on the last Tuesday of this Instant December Daniel Edwards and Andrew Hooper Juns 4ly Chosen John Allen Benjamin Allen Joseph Knight John Tewxbury Samuel Allen snr John Edwards and Jacob Hooper for a Commit or the Mager part of Them to seat the Meeting house in Manchester for Three years to Come from the Date of this Meeten 5ly Voted that the Select Men be and are hereby Impowrd to Exeact a fine of Five Shillings for Eace and Every Traspas Commited By any Person Who shall Disorderly Leave there Seats where thay are Seated and Intrude on others by Seting in there Seats This Meeting is a jorn^d^ To the Sixth Day January an Do 1756 at two of the clock in the after noon Mett to gether on the Jornment above Mentioned Firstly voted that Mes^ers^ Andrew Hooper Senr Benjamin Allen and John Allen Snr be a Committee Appointed & impowered by the Town of manches^r^ to Joyn with a Commit of the Prepriotors of the Meeting house in Manchester To sell the Towns Right in the old Stair way in that End of the Meeting house tha Joyns To the Steeple Att a Town Meeting In Manchester Leagually Warned and meet to gether on Munday the Twenty Second Day of March anno Domini 1756 In order to Chuse Town officers To serve s^d^ Town ye year Insuing Firstly Captn John Lee Chosen Moderator for this Meeting 2ly Chosen for Select men Captn John Lee Deac Jonathan Herrick and Captn John Foster 3ly Chosen for a Town Clerk Ben Lee 4ly Chosen for a Town Treas^r^ Mr Thomas Lee Sn^r^ 5ly Chosen for a Constable Jacob Allen 6ly voted to Chuse the Rest of the Town officers to be chosen att this Meeting by a hand vote 7ly voted that the Select Men this Day Chosen shall be Assessors to Assess the Town the year In suing 8ly Chosen for Survayers of [71] Highways Andrew Woodbery John Allen snr Andrew Hooper Snr Benj^a.^ Ober John Tewxbury & Benj^a^ Orsment 9ly voted that the hogs shall goo at Large the in suing year Being yoaked ang Ring^d^ according to law 10ly Chosen for Hog Reves Richard Coye John Tuck Stephen Lowe Benj^a.^ Ober & Richard

Day 11ly Chosen for Houerds Jeremiah Allen Snr John Allen Snr Benj^{a}. Ober Jacob Hooper and Robart Knowlton 12ly Chosen Servayers of Fences Andrew Hooper Snr Benj^{a}. Lee Snr Thomas Lee Snr and Benj^{a} ober 13ly Chosen for Tithen Men Benj^{a} ober Stephen Low 14ly Chosen for Seler of waights & measurs Thomas Lee snr 15ly Chosen for Measurer and Marker of bords and timber John Edwards & Thomas Lee Junr 16ly Chosen for Corders of wood Stephen Lowe Elisha Allen John Allen Benj^{a} Orsment John Tewxbury & Jeremiah Dowe 17ly Chosen for Collors of fish Mr John Foster Capt John Lee Capt John Foster Capt Samuel Lee Samuel Allen snr and Benjamin Allen 18ly Chosen for Pound Keeper Jeremiah Dowe 19ly Chosen for Inspecter of Dear John Allen 20ly voted that the Treasurer of this Ton this Day Chosen is hereby Impoured to Demand of and Receive a fine from such Survayers as are liable to a fine by a vote Pased March annual Town Meeten ano 1755 21ly voted that Each of the Survayors of highways this Day chosen shall work on the highe ways themselves and There wards Three Days before the last Day of August Next on pennalty of paying five shillings to this Town for their Neglect or non performance of s^{d} Work 22ly voted that the Assessors this day Chosen shall assess the Town fifty pounds money for the Revd Mr Benjamin Toppans Covenanted Sallary 23ly voted That the Assessors shall assess the Town Twenty Pounds money for the Revd Mr Toppans Seport and Maintainance 24 Voted that the Assessors shall Assess the Town fifty pounds to Defray Town Charges 25ly voted that the assess shall assess the Town Thirty Pounds money to Defray the Charge of a gramer School maste the year in suing 26ly voted that the Select men this Day Chosen shall be a Committee to lay out the money to seport The charge of a School the year in suing 27ly voted that the Select men this Day Chosen shall Provid Rocks in the In suing winter to build a Bredg by the gris Mill in the best Maner and Cheepest way thay can on the Towns Cost 28ly David Presson Junr. Chosen Seler of Lether Att a Town Meeting In Manchester Leagually warned and Meet to gether on th Ninteenth Day of May Anno D 1756 In order to Chus a Representive to Represent us at a Great and Generael Court to be Holden at Boston Twenty Sixt Day May anno Domini 1756 Firstly Captn John Foster Chosen Moderator for this Meeting 2ly it was put to vote wether the Town would send a Representive & twas voted not

to send an person To Represent us Thinking the Town not able to Sepr such a heavy Charg Att a Town Meeting leagually warned & Meet to gether In Manchester on Munday the Twenty Eighth Day of June anno Domini 1756 In order to Chuse 2 Jury men To serve at the nex Inferiour Court to be holden at Salem for the County of Essex on the Second Teusday of July nex Firstly Chosen as the law Directs for a Juryman Andrew Woodbery 2ly Chosen for a Jury man Solomon Coal to serve at ye afore s^d^ Court Att a Town Meeting in Manchester leagally Warnned and Meet together on Munday the Seventh Day October ann Do 1756 In order to Chuse Jury men to serve at the Next Superiour Court of Judiketure to be holden at Salem on the third Teusday of this Instant october 1ly John Lee Esqr [**73**] Chosen Moderator for s^d^ Meeting 2ly Thomas Lee & Jonathan Herrick Chosen to serve on the grand Jury 3 Chosen to serve on the Jury of trials at the a fore s^d^ Court Abraham Marsturs Junr and Jeremiah Dow

Att a town Meeting in Manchester Leagually warned & Meet to gether on ye twentyth Day of December anno Do 1756 in order to Chuse 3 Jury men to serve at the Next Inferiour Court of Common pleas to be holden at Salem on the last Teusday of this Instant December Firstly Chosen to serve on the Grand Jury John Haskell for the in suing year 2ly Chosen to serve on the Jury of trials at the afore s^d^ Court Benjamin Leach and Samuel Downer At a Town Meeting in Manchester Legally warned and met together on Monday ye Twenty Eighth Day of March Anno Domini 1757 In order to Choose Town Officers to serve ye said Town ye year Ensuing. 1ly John Lee Esqr. Chosen Moderator. 2ly Chosen for Select Men John Lee Esqr. Capt. John Forster & Deacon Jonathan Herrick. 3ly Chosen for a Town Clerk Benjamin Kimball. 4ly. Chosen for a Town Treasurer Thomas Lee Junr. 5ly Chosen for a Constable Mr. John Allen. 6ly Voted to Choose the Rest of ye Town Officers & do all other Business necessary to be done at this present Meeting by a hand Vote. 7ly. Voted that the Select men this Day Chosen shall be assessors to assess ye Town ye year ensuing 8ly. Chosen for surveyors of high ways John Lee Senr. Thomas Lee Senr. Elisha Allen Capt. John Forster Jacob Hooper Benjamin Orsment. 9ly. Voted that ye Hogs shall go at Large Being yoaked & Ringed according to Law for ye year ensu-

ing 10ly. Chosen for Hogreeves Andrew Woodberry John Day Andrew Marsters Jacob Allen Benjamin Lee Junr. Samuel Allen ye 3^{d} Samuel Morgan. [74] 11ly Chosen for Haywards Andrew Hooper sen^{r}. Samuel Carter John Allen Benjamin Orsment Benjamin Ober. 12ly. Chosen for Surveyors of Fences Thomas Lee sen^{r}. Benjamin Lee sen^{r}. Benjamin Ober & John Tuck 13ly. Chosen for Tything Men Thomas Lee Junr Benjamin orsment & Samuel Allen ye 3^{d} 14ly. Chosen for Measurers and Markers of Bords and Timber John Edwards Senr John Tuck Thomas Lee Junr 15ly Chosen for Corders of wood Elisha Allen Stephen Low Jeremiah Dow. 16ly. Chosen for Cullers of Fish John Lee Esqr. Capt. John Forster Samuel Allen Senr. Benjamin Allen Capt Samuel Lee. 17ly. Chosen for sealer of weights and Measures Thomas Lee sen^{r}. 18ly. Chosen Pound Keeper Solomon Lee 19ly. Chosen Inspecter of Deer John Allen. 20ly. Chosen for sealer of Leather David Presson Junr. 21ly Voted that the Assessors shall assess ye Town Fifty Pounds for ye Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Benjamin Toppans salary. 22ly Voted that ye Assessors shall assess ye Town Thirteen Pounds six shillings and Eight Pence as a Gift for ye Revnd M^{r}. Toppans Support & Maintenance. 23ly. Voted y^{t}. ye Assessors shall assess ye Town Twenty Five Pounds to defray ye Charges of a Grammar School Master for ye year Ensuing 24ly. Voted that ye Assessors shall assess ye Town sixty pounds to Defray Town Charges. 25ly Voted y^{t}. ye select men this Day chosen shall be a Committee to Lay out ye money voted for ye Support & maintenance of a grammar school master. 26ly. Voted y^{t}. a Number of men shall serve as Jury men according to a List Before ye Town wherein They were named. 27ly Voted y^{t}. ye select men shall have Liberty to Lett ye School Land for Ten years or for Less Time as they think most proper.

[75] Essex ss. To M^{r}. John allen Constable of Manchester Greeting. These are in his majesties name forthwith to will and Require you to notifie and warn all ye Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town that have an Estate of freehold in Land within this province or Territory of Forty shillings pr. annum at

ye Least or other Estate to ye Value of Forty pounds sterling to assemble at our meeting House in manchester on monday ye sixteenth Day of may next Ensuing at Eight o'clock in ye morning then and there to Elect and Depute one person being a Freeholder and Resident in manchester to serve for & Represent us in a great & general Court or assembly appointed to Be Convened held & kept for his majesties service at ye Court house in Boston upon wednesday the Twenty fifth Day of may next Ensuing hereof fail not and make Return of this your warrant & your Doing therein unto myself Before ye said Time of meeting Dated at manchester ye 30th Day of April 1757 By order of ye Select men of manchester

Benj^a Kimball Town Clerk

At a Town Meeting in Manchester Legally warned and met together on the sixteenth Day of May Anno Domini 1757 1ly. Mr Jonathan Herrick was Chosen moderater 2ly. It was put to Vote wither we should send a Representative to Represent us at a great & General Court to be held and kept at ye Court house in Boston on ye 25th Instant & Voted in ye negative not to send one. At a Town Meeting in manchester Legally warned & met together on ye fifth Day of July anno Domini 1757 in order to Choose Two Jurymen to serve at ye next Inferiour Court to be holden at Salem for ye County of Essex on ye Second Tuesday of this [76] instant July, 1ly. Elisha Allen & william Badcock Junr Chosen to serve on ye Jury of Trials in ye Court aforesaid. At a Town Meeting in Manchester Legally warned and met together on Monday ye Tenth Day of october Anno Domini 1757: in order to Choose Jury men to serve at ye next Superiour Court of Judicature to be holden at Salem on ye third Tuesday of this Instant October. 1ly. John Lee Esqr Chosen moderator for s^d meeting. 2ly. Andrew Hooper sen^r and Benjamin Kimball Chosen to serve on ye Grand Jury. 3ly. John Tewxbury and Benjamin Ober Chosen to serve on ye Jury of Trials. At a Town Meeting in Manchester Legally warned & met together on monday ye nineteenth Day of December Anno Domini 1757. in order to Choose three Jurymen to serve at ye next Inferior Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Salem on ye Last Tuesday of this Instant December: 1ly. Stephen Low was Chosen to serve as Grand Juryman for ye Ensuing year 2^ly. was chosen to serve on ye Jury of Trials at ye Court afores^d Moses Bennett & Edward Kitfield.

Essex ss To Mr John Allen Constable of ye Town of Manchester—Greeting

These are in his majesties name to will and require you forthwith to notifie and warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of sd Town Legally qualified for Voting to assemble at our meeting House ye usual place of Town Meeting on monday ye Thirteenth Day of March next at eight o'clock in the morning Then and There to elect and depute select men, overseers of the poor, Town Clerk Constable and other Town officers as by law directed; and to agree upon granting such sum or sums of money as shall be adjudged needfull for ye Relief and support of ye poor and the defraying of all other necessary Charges; arising within said Town: and also to see if ye Town will sell ye School Land in Manchester & [76] put ye money out at Interest for ye Benefit and advantage of ye school in sd Town hereof fail not & make Return of this your warrant & your doings therein unto myself Before ye sd time of meeting. Dated at Manchester Febry. 25th 1758

By order of ye Selectmen of sd Town
Benja Kimball T. Clerk

At a Town Meeting in Manchester Legally warned and met together on monday ye Thirteenth Day of March Anno Domini 1758: In order to Choose Town officers to serve the Town the Ensuing year. 1ly. Deacon Jonathan Herrick was Chosen Moderator for this meeting. 2ly. Chosen for a Town Clerk Benja. Kimball. 3ly Chosen for Select men Deacon Jonathan Herrick; Capt John Forster & Benjamin Kimball 4ly. Chosen for a Town Treasurer Thomas Lee Junr. 5ly. Chosen for a Constable Andrew Woodbury. 6ly. Voted to Choose the Rest of ye Officers to be Chosen at this meeting by a hand vote. 7ly. Voted that ye. select men this Day Chosen shall be assessors to assess the Town for ye. year ensuing 8ly. Chosen for surveyors of high ways Thomas Lee senr Capt. John Forster John Lee senr. Samll. Carter Andrew Hooper Benjamin Orsment. 9ly. Voted yt. ye. hogs shall go at Large Being yok'd & ring'd according to Law—10ly. Chosen for hog Reves Richard Day John Allen senr. Willm. Badcock Jur Benjamin Orsment John Edwards Richard Coy 11ly Chosen for Haywards Andrew Marsters Thomas Lee

Junr Jeremiah Dow Richard Day Sam^{ll} Morgan Robert Knowlton 12ly. Chosen for surveyors of Fences Benj^{a} ober. John Allen sen^{r} Thomas Lee Junr. Andrew Hooper. 13ly. Chosen for Tything men Benj^{a} ober Thomas Lee Junr. 14ly. Chosen for sealer of weights and measures Thomas Lee sen^{r} 15ly. Chosen for measurer and marker of Bords & Timber John Lee sen^{r}. John Edwards senr. Thomas Lee jun^{r}. 16ly. [77] Chosen for Corders of wood Stephen Low Elisha Allen Jeremiah Dow John Lee senr. 17th. Chosen for Cullers of Fish John Lee Esqr Capt John Forster Benjamin Allen Sam^{ll} Allen sen^{r}. John Tewxbury. 18ly. Chosen for pound Keeper Solomon Lee. 19ly. Chosen for Inspector of Deer John Tewxbury. 20^{ly}. Chosen for sealer of Leather David Pressen Junr. 21ly. Voted that ye assessors this Day Chosen shall asses ye Town Fifty pounds for ye Revnd Mr. Benjamin Toppans Covenanted salary for ye year Ensuing. 22ly Voted that ye assessors this Day Chosen shall assess ye Town £13. 6. 8 as a gift for ye support and maintenance of ye Revnd. Mr. Toppan ye year Ensuing 23^{ly}. Voted that ye assessors this Day Chosen shall assess ye Town sixty pounds to Defray Town Charges for ye year ensuing. 24^{ly}. Voted y^{t} ye assessors this Day Chosen shall assess ye Town Twenty five pounds to be laid out for ye use of ye school ye year Ensuing : & that ye select men or a Committee who shall be Impowerd to lay out said money imply Ames Cheever or Downing Lee for Three months and if either of the afore mentiond men shall be agreable to ye Town in General then to keep till ye whole sum Be Expended. — John Lee Esqr Capt John Forster Deacon Jonathan Herrick John Edwards sen^{r} & Benj^{a} Kimball Entered their Dissents against ye above twenty fourth vote. 25^{ly}. Voted y^{t} there be Two men chosen as a Committee to Joyn with the select men in laying out ye money this Day Voted to be raised for ye use of ye school ye year ensuing. 26^{ly}. Voted that Mr John Allen and Mr John Tewxbury Be a Committee to Joyn ye Select men in Laying out ye money rais^{d} for ye use of ye school the ensuing year. Essex ss. To Mr. Andrew Woodberry Constable of the Town of Manchester—Greeting.—

[78] These are in his majesties name forthwith to will & require you to notifie and warn all ye freeholders and other Inhabi-

tants of said Town that have an Estate of Freehold in Land : within this Province or Territory of Forty shillings pr. annum at ye Least, or other Estate to ye Value of Forty pound sterling to assemble at our meeting House in manchester on wednesday ye Twenty fourth Day of this Instant may, at seven o'Clock in ye morning, then & there to elect & Depute one person being a Freeholder & Resident in manchester to serve for and represent us in a Great & General Court or assembly appointed to Be Convened held & kept for his majesties service in ye Court house at Boston upon wednesday ye Thirty first Day of this Instant May.—Hereof fail not and make Return of this your warrant and your Doings therein unto myself Before ye said Time of meeting. Dated at manchester ye 8th Day of May 1738

By order of ye Selectmen

Benjamin Kimball Town Clerk

At a Town Meeting in Manchester Legally warned, and met together on ye 24th Day of May Anno Domini 1758. 1ly. Mr Jonathan Herrick was Chosen Moderater 2ly. it was put to Vote wither we should send a Representative to represent us at a great & General Court to Be held & kept at ye Court house in Boston on ye 31^{t}. Inst. & Voted in ye negative not to send one

At a Town meeting in Manchester Legally warned and met together on monday ye 19th Day of June Anno Domini 1758 in order to Choose Two Jury men to serve at ye next Inferior Court to Be holden at Salem for ye County of Essex on ye second Tuesday of July next 1ly Jeremiah Allen senr & Jacob Allen were chosen to serve on the Jury of Trials at ye aforesaid Court.

[79] At a Town Meeting in manchester Legally warned and met together on Thursday the 28th Day of september Anno Domini 1758. in order to Choose Jury men to serve at ye next Superior Court of Judicature to be holden at Salem on ye 3^{d} Tuesday of October next Ensuing. 1ly, John Edwards sen^{r}. & Sam^{ll}. Allen sn^{r}. Chosen to serve on ye Grand Jury. 2ly Aaron Bennett senr. & Robert Knowlton Chosen to serve on ye Jury of Trials.

Att a Town Meeting in Manchester Legally warned and met together on monday ye 18th. Day of Decem^{r}. 1758 : in order to Choose Three Jury men to serve at ye next inferiour Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Salem on ye Last Tuesday of this Instant Decem^{r}. 1ly Deacon Jonathan Herrick was Chosen moderator for said meeting. 2ly. Jacob Hooper was Chosen Grand Jury man

for ye Ensuing year. 3ly Jeremiah Allen Junr. and James Lee Chosen to serve on the Jury of Trials at ye Court aforesaid.

Essex. ss.

To M^r. Andrew Woodberry Constable of ye Town of Manchester —Greeting. These are in his majesties name to will and require you forthwith to notifie and warn all ye freeholders & other Inhabitants of y^e. Town of Manchester that have an Estate of Freehold in Lands within this province or Territories of forty shillings pr. annum at ye Least or Other Estate to ye Value of Fifty pounds sterling to assemble at our meeting house our usual place of Town meeting on monday ye Twelfth Day of march Anno Domini one Thousand seven hundred and Fifty nine: at Eight o'Clock in ye forenoon then and there to Elect & depute select men Overseers of ye poor Town Clerk: Constable & other Town Officers as the Law directs: and to agree upon granting such sum or sums of money: as shall be adjudged needfull for the Releif of ye poor & defraying all other necessary Charges arising within said Town. And whereas ye highway from ye Brick Kiln towards millets Bridge was [80] allowed to be four Rods wide to see if the Town will grant Liberty to mr. Stephen allen & mr. Jonathan allen Jnr. to fence so as to Leave ye way but Three Rods in width; and also to give Liberty to mr. Stephen Allen to run his Fence in a direct Line so as to Include ye Towns property at ye Brickiln: and also to see if the Town will grant to Benjamin Orsment ye way that Leads round By ye Edge of Moses Hill Leading to Chebacco for a way Thro Land formerly Colonel Browns by ye wesward End of Millets Swamp Lots. And to agree & conclude upon any other matter or thing which shall be thought needfull to promote ye Benefit of s^d. Town Hereof fail not and make Return of this your warrant and your Doings Therein unto myself Before ye said Time of meeting

Dated at Manchester ye 23^d. Febry 1759

By order of ye Selectmen of said Town

Benj^a. Kimball Town Clerk.

Att a Town Meeting in manchester Legally warned & met together on Monday the Twelfth Day of March Anno Domini 1759; In order to Choose Town Officers to serve said Town ye year Ensuing 1ly. John Lee Esqr. was chosen Moderator for said meeting. 2ly. Benjamin Kimball was Chosen Town Clerk. 3ly. Chosen for Select men Benjamin Kimball. Thomas Lee Junr. Deacon John

Allen 4ly. Chosen for a Town Treasurer Thomas Lee Junr. 5ly Chosen for a Constable John Tewxbury 6ly. Voted to Choose ye Rest of ye Town Officers to be Chosen at this meeting by a hand Vote. 7ly. Voted that ye Select men this Day Chosen shall be Assessors to assess ye Town ye year Ensuing. 8ly. Chosen for surveyors of highways Benjamin Ober. Benjamin Orsment Thomas Lee Jnr. John Allen snr. John Edwards senr. & Jeremiah Dow. 9ly. Voted that ye hogs shall go at Large being yoked & Ringd. according to Law. 10ly Chosen for hog Reves Richard Day Samuel Carter William Bootman Robert Knowlton & andrew hooper. 11ly. Chosen for Hayards Jacob Hooper Samuel Carter Benjamin Ober Benjamin Orsment 12ly. Chosen for surveyors of Fences; Jacob Hooper, Thomas Lee sen^r^ & John Tuck 13ly. Chosen for Tythingmen Thomas Lee Junr. Benjamin Ober. 14ly. Chosen for sealer of weights & measures Thomas Lee senr. 15ly. Chosen for marker of Bords & Timber John Edwards senr. John Lee senr. Thomas Lee Junr. 16ly. Chosen for Corders & Sealers of wood: Elisha Allen Stephen Low Jeremiah Dow. 17ly. Chosen for Cullers of Fish John Lee Esqr John Tewxbury Benjamin Allen & Capt John Forster. 18^ly^ Chosen for pound Keeper Samuel Carter. 19^ly^ Chosen for Inspecter of Deer John Tewxbury 20^ly^ Chosen for Sealer of Leather David Presson Jun. 21^ly^ Voted that ye assessors this Day Chosen shall assess ye Town Fifty pounds for ye Reverend Mr Toppans Covenanted Salary for ye year Ensuing. 22^ly^. Voted that ye assessors this Day Chosen shall assess ye Town as a gift for y^e^. Revnd M^r^. Toppans Support & maintenance ye Ensuing year Thirteen pounds six shillings and Eight pence. 23^ly^ Voted that ye assessors this Day Chosen shall assess ye Town Forty five pounds to defray Town Charges 24^ly^ Voted that ye assessors this Day Chosen shall assess ye Town Twenty Three pounds Lawfull money to Defray ye Charges of a Grammer School Six months next winter: and also to assess ye Ton Twelve pound Lawfull money which sum is to be distributed to Three School Mistresses in Three different parts of ye Town viz. The mid-

dle part of y^e· Town Kettle Cove & Newport. and that y^e· People Residing in ye aforementioned part of y^e· Town pay their Part of y^e· aforesaid Twelve pounds in Proportion to their Tax. 25^ly·. Voted that y^e· assessors this Day Chosen shall Lay out y^e· money Raised for y^e· School y^e· Ensuing year 26^ly. Voted that y^e· Town act upon Mr Stephen Allens and M^r· Jonathan Allen Junr. Request [81] Relative to their running a Fence from y^e· Corner of y^e. Brickiln or Clay pit to Milletts Bridge: 27^ly. Voted that Mr Stephen Allen and M^r· Jonathan Allen Junr. have Liberty to Erect a Fence from y^e· Brick Kiln or Clay Pit to Milletts Bridge so as to Leave ye way but Three Rods in Wedth upon Consideration of having Liberty to dig & hale as much Gravel out of said Stephen Allens pasture as He & y^e· Selectmen shall agree upon. 28^ly. Voted that M^r· Benjamin Orsment shall have y^e· way that Leads to Chebacco round y^e· Edge of Moses Hill For a way to Chebacco Thro' Land formerly Colonel Browns by y^e· westward end of milletts swamp Lots. & y^t· y^e· Select men this Day Chosen shall Convey to said Orsment y^e· aforesaid Old way & take a conveyance from said Orsment of y^e· aforesaid New Way. Essex ss.

To m^r· John Tewxbury Constable of y^e· Town of Manchester — Greeting.— These are in his majesties forthwith to will and require you to notifie and warn all y^e· Freeholders & Other Inhabitants of said Town y^t. have an Estate of Freehold in Land within this province or Territory of Forty Shillings pr. annum at y^e· Least or Other Estate to y^e· Value of Forty pounds Sterling to assemble at our meeting house in Manchester on Thursday y^e· Twenty fourth Day of this Instant May at Seven o'Clock in y^e. morning then & there to Elict Depute one person being a Freeholder & Resident in Manchester to serve for & Represent us in a great & General Court or assembly appointed to be Convened held and kept for his majesties service in y^e· Court House at Boston upon wednesday y^e· Thirtieth Day of May inst:

Hereof Fail not & make Return of this your warrant & your Doings thereon unto myself before y^e· said Time of meeting.

Dated at Manchester 8th· May 1759

By Order of y^e· Selectmen

Benjamin Kimball Town Clerk

Att a Town Meeting in manchester Legally warned and met together on Thursday ye Twenty Fourth Day of may Anno Domini

1759. In Order to Choose one Person to represent our Town at a Great & General Court or assembly to be Convened & kept for his majesties service at ye Court House in Boston on wednesday ye Thirtieth Day of this Instant may 1^ly Thomas Lee Senr was Chosen Moderator for this meeting 2ly Voted in ye negative not to send any Person to represent our Town not being able to support ye Charge. Att a Town meeting in manchester Legally warned & met together on Monday ye second Day of July Anno Domini 1759. In Order to Choose Two Jury men to serve at ye next Inferior Court to be holden at Salem for ye County of Essex on the Second Tuesday of July Inst. 1ly Deacon John Allen Chosen moderator for ye s^d meeting. 2^ly Chosen as ye Law directs to serve on ye Jury of Trials at the aforesaid Court Deacon John Allen & william Bootman. Att a Town meeting in manchester Legally warned & met to gether on Tuesday ye ninth Day of October Anno Domini 1759 in Order to Choose Jury men to serve at ye next Superior Court of Judicature to be holden at Salem on ye Third Tuesday of this Instant October. 1^ly Thomas Lee Senr was Chosen moderator for ye said meeting. 2^ly Paul Leach sen^r & Jonathan Allen Junr Chosen to serve on ye Grand Jury. 3ly Chosen to serve on ye Jury of Trials Abraham marsters Junr & James Lee. Att a Town Meeting in Manchester Legally warned & met to gether on monday the seventeenth Day of December Anno Domini 1759 in Order to Choose Three Jury men to serve at ye next inferiour Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Salem on ye last Tuesday of this Inst. December. 1^ly Ensign Andrew woodberry was Chosen moderator for s^d meeting. 2^ly Ensign Andrew Woodberry was Chosen Grand Jury man for ye Ensuing year. 3^ly Deacon Jonathan Herrick & Lieut. Thomas Lee Chosen to serve on ye Jury of Trials at the Court Aforesaid.

[82] Essex s.s. To mr. John Tewxbury Constable of ye Town of Manchester.—Greeting. These are in his majesties name to will and require you forthwith to Notifie and warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Manchester that have any Estate of Freehold in Land within This province or Territories of Forty shillings pr. annum at the Lest or other Estate to the Value of Fifty pounds sterling to assemble at our meeting House our usual place of Town meeting on Monday the Tenth Day of march Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred & sixty: at Eight

o'Clock in the Forenoon: Then & There to Elect and Depute Select-men Overseers of ye Poor Town Clerk: Constable and other Town Officers as ye Law directs and to agree upon Granting such sum or sums of money as shall be adjudged needfull for the Relief of the Poor; and Defraying all other necessary Charges arising in said Town. And likewise to see if the Town will new set the wall against the Burying yard; and Cause the Fence around it to be put into good Repair and have a Gate at the Entrance there of in ye Room of Bars: and also to see if the Town will take some method to accomplish the Destruction of Briers: which seem to have almost universally Overspread the Congregation of the Dead: By which means following our Decs^d Relatives to their long homes is attended with no small Inconveniency And to agree upon anything or matter that shall be deem'd necessary to advance the Intrests and promote ye Benefit of said Town. Hereof you may not fail upon your Peril: But make Return of this your warrant & your Doings Therein unto myself Before ye said Time of meeting Dated at Manchester ye 12th Day of Febry Anno Domini 1760

By order of the Select men

A Return of ye above & preceding warrant was made ye 10th Day of March 1760 By John Tewxbury Constable of Manch^r

Benj^a Kimball Town Clerk

[83] Att a Town Meeting in Manchester Legally warned & met together on Monday ye 10th Day of March Anno Domin 1760 In order to Choose Town Officers to serve said Town ye Ensuing year. Firstly John Lee Esqr was Chosen moderator for said meeting. 2ly. Benjamin Kimball was Chosen Town Clerk 3ly. Capt John Forster John Tewxbury & Benjamin Kimball were Chosen Selectmen. 4ly. Chosen for a Constable Thomas Lee Junr. 5ly. Deacon Jonathan Herrick was Chosen Town Treasurer. 6ly. Voted to Choose ye Rest of the Town Officers & transact all other Business to be done at this Meeting By a hand Vote. 7ly Chosen for Surveyors of highways John Lee sen^r Jacob Hooper, Jeremiah Dow Benjamin Ober Deacon John Allen, Benjamin Orsment. 8ly. Voted that ye swine shall go at Large: Being yok'd and Ring'd according to Law. 9^ly Chosen for Hog Reves Thomas Poland Richard Day Sam^ll Carter Jonathan Herrick Andrew Woodberry. 10^ly

Chosen for Haywards Richard Day Thomas Poland, John Tewxbury, John Edwards, Jonathan Herrick Junr. 11ly Chosen for Surveyors of Fences Thos. Lee Junr. Jacob Allen John Edwards Benjamin Ober. 12ly Chosen for Tything men Thomas poland Jonathan Herrick Junr. 13ly Chosen for measurer & marker of Bords and Timber Thomas Lee Senr John Edwards senr Thomas Lee Junr. 14ly. Chosen sealer of weights & measures Thomas Lee senr. 15ly Chosen sealer of Leather Elisha Allen. 16ly Chosen for Corders of wood Jeremiah Dow & Elisha Allen. 17ly Chosen for Cullers of Fish John Lee Esqr Capt John Forster Samuel allen Senr Benjamin Allen John Tewxbury 18ly Chosen for pound keeper Samuel Carter. 19ly. Chosen for Inspector of Deer Samuel Carter 20ly. Voted that ye assessors this Day Chosen shall assess ye Town ye year Ensuing

21ly Voted that ye assessors this Day Chosen shall assess ye Town Fifty pounds for ye Revnd. Mr Toppans Covenanted Salary ye Ensuing year. 22ly Voted that the assessors this Day Chosen shall assess ye Town as a Gift for ye Revnd. mr. Toppans support and maintenance Twenty pounds ye Ensuing year. 23ly Voted that the assessors this Day Chosen shall assess ye Town to defray the Charges of a Grammer School ye Ensuing year (Exclusive of what was given by a number of Gentlemen) Thirty nine pounds & Ten shillings 24ly Voted that ye assessors this Day Chosen shall assess ye Town ye year Ensuing to defray ye Charges of said Town Forty Five pounds. 25ly Voted that ye assessors this Day Chosen Shall Lay out ye money Voted for a Grammar School ye Ensuing year. 26ly Voted that there be a new and Lawfull wall Erected & new set against ye Burying yard and a handsome Gate Erected & Compleated at ye Entrance of said Burying yard in ye Room & Stead of Barrs. 27 Voted that ye assessors this Day Chosen shall make Erect & new set said wall or agree with some other sufficient persons to do ye same at ye Cost & Charge of ye Town 28ly Voted that ye Select men this Day Chosen shall make a Lawfull wall against the Burying ground adjoining to Mr. John Forster Senr Land or Cause the same to be accomplished & Compleated by some other person or persons at the expense of ye Town. 29ly

Voted that John Lee Esqr Joseph Whipple Deacon Jonathan Herrick Deacon John Allen Capt John Forster John Edwards & Benjamin Kimball be a Committee to seat the meeting-house in ye year 1760. 30ly. Voted that ye Select men this Day Chosen take Care & observe that no one person or persons after said meeting house is seated Behave themselves disorderly by Leaving ye seats in which they are placed or by taking possession of Those seats in which others are placed. 31^{ly} Voted that all Those who are Guilty of [84] Forsaking ye Seats in which they are seated or Intruding by sitting in any other seat in which They are not seated, shall upon Complaint thereof made to proper authority by ye Select men this Day Chosen be Liable to pay a fine of Twenty shillings & ye Cost of prosecution. 32^{ly} Voted that ye assessors this Day Chosen shall Lett ye School Land for any number of years not exceeding seven in ye Best manner they Can in Behalf of said Town. Essex ss.

To Mr Thomas Lee Junr Constable of ye Town of manch^{r}, Greeting. These are in his majesties Name forthwith to will and require you to notifie and warn all ye freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town that have an estate of Freehold in Land within this province or Territory of Forty shillings pr. annum at ye Least or other Estate to ye Value of Forty pounds sterling to assemble at our meeting-house in manchester on wednesday the Twenty first Day of this Instant may at seven o'clock in ye morning; Then and There to Elect and Depute one person being a Freeholder and resident in manchester to serve for and represent us in a great and General Court or assembly appointed to be convened held and kept for his majesties service in ye Court house at Boston upon wednesday ye Twenty Eighth Day of this Ins^{t} may — Hereof fail not and make return of this your warrant & your Doings therein unto myself Before ye said Time of meeting—manch^{r} 5th may 1760

By order of Select men

a return of ye above warrant was made ye 21 of may 1760 By Thos. Lee Junr Constable

Benj^{a} Kimball Town Clerk

[85] At a Town meeting in manchester Legally warned and met together on Wednesday ye Twenty first Day of May anno Domini 1760 in order to Choose one person to represent our Town at a great and general Court or assembly to be Convened and kept for his majesties service at ye Court house in Boston upon wednesday ye Twenty Eighth Day of this Inst. may. 1ly. Capt. John

Forster Chosen moderator for y^{e} present meeting. 2ly. It was put to Vote wither we should send a representative to represent us at a great and General Court to be held and kept at y^{e} Court House in Boston on y^{e} Twenty Eighth Day of Inst. May and Voted in y^{e} Negative not to send one. Essex ss. To Mr. Thomas Lee Jun$^{r.}$ Constable of the Town of Manchester—Greeting

In his majesties Name you are hereby required to warn and notifie all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Manchester that have an Estate of Freehold in Land within this province or Territory of Forty Shillings pr. annum at the Least or other Estate to the Value of Forty pound Sterling, to assemble at our meeting house the usual Place of Town meeting on Friday the fourth Day of July next Ensuing the Date hereof at seven o'clock in the morning Then and There to see if the Town will make choice of a Committee to settle the Line Between Manchester and Gloucester, and also to Choose Jury men to serve at ye next Inferior Court to be holden at Salem for the County of Essex on the second Tuesday of July next Hereof fail not & make return of this your warrant & Doings therein unto myself Before y^{e} said Time of meeting Dated at manchester y^{e} 17th of June 1760

a return of y^{e} above warrant was made before y^{e} Time of meeting above mentioned pr. Thos Lee Junr Con^{ble}

By order of select Men
Benj$^{a.}$ Kimball
T. Clerk

At a Town meeting in manchester Legally warned and Convened on Friday the fourth Day of July Anno Domini 1760 In order to Choose Two Jury men to serve at the next Inferiour Court to be holden at Salem for the County of Essex on the Second Tuesday of this Inst. July and also to see if the Town will make choice of a Committee to settle the Line Between y^{e} Town of Manchester and Gloucester 1ly. John Lee Esq$^{r.}$ was Chosen moderator for y^{e} said meeting. 2ly Chosen as the Law directs to serve on the Jury of Trials at the afore said Court John Tuck & Jonathan marsters 3ly. Voted that John Lee Esq. Deacon Jonathan Herrick Capt John Forster, John Tewxbury and Benjamin Kimball or any Three of Them be a Committee fully authorized and impowerd to manage and settle the Controversie Between ye Town of manchester and Gloucester relating to the Line between us: to manage settle or Compound the matter with them hereby giving our said Committee full power and Lawfull authority to use any or all proper means whatsoever: for affecting the same or obtain-

ing the Possession of our Right to the Land in dispute, between the said Town of Manchester and Gloucester, and if need Be in order thereto; to appear in our name and Behalf before any Court Legislative or Executive to petition: Claim: Demand, or sue for the Recovery of our Right in the lands aforesaid: and to prosecute the same to final Judgment, and Execution, hereby giving to our said Committee Power and Authority of making an attorney under them: with further Power of substitution; and to prosecute and manage the affair before mentioned in all Respects in as full and ample a manner as the Town Could in any wise do by any act or Vote of their own.

[86] Essex ss. To Mr. Thomas Lee Junr. Constable of ye Town of manchester Greeting—These are in his majesties name forthwith to will & require you to notifie and warn all ye freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town that have an Estate of Freehold in Land, within This province or Territory of Forty shillings pr annum at ye Least or other Estate to ye Value of Forty pounds sterling to assemble at our meeting house in Manchester on Thursday ye Thirty first Day of this Inst. July at seven o'Clock in ye morning: Then and There to Lay Before the Town a List of Jurors which will Be Exhibited By ye Select-men: and also to Select out of said List one Quarter of ye. number so Laid Before ye Town such as shall Be by ye Town deem'd most suitable to serve as Jurors at ye Superior Court of Judicature Court of assize and General Goal Delivery.—Hereof fail not and make return of this your warrant and Doings therein unto myself Before ye said Time of meeting

manchester 18th July 1760 By Order of ye Selectmen
a return of ye above warrant was Benjamin Kimball T. Clerk
made by Thomas Lee Constable
before ye time of meeting

[87] At a Town meeting in Manchester Legally warned and met together on Thursday ye. Thirty first Day of July anno Domini 1760 The Selectmen of said Town in Conformity and Obedience unto an act of ye. great and general Court or assembly of ye. province of ye. massachusett Bay Exhibited to said Town a List of Jurors: and the Town at said meeting selected out of said List one Quarter part of ye. Number such as They deem'd most suitable to serve as Jurors of ye. Superiour Court

At a Town meeting in Manchester Legally warned and met together on monday the sixth Day of October Anno Domini 1760 In

order to Choose Jury men to serve at ye next Superior Court of Judicature to be holden at Salem on the Third Tuesday of this Inst. October. 1ly. Chosen to serve on ye Grand Jury John Lee sen^r and Elisha Allen 2ly Chosen to serve on ye Jury of Tryals Joseph Knights and Richard Day.

At a Town meeting in Manchester Legally warned and met together on Tuesday the Twenty Third Day of Decem^r. Anno Domini 1760 in order to Choose Three Jurymen to serve at y^e. next inferior Court of Common pleas to be Holden at Salem on ye Last Tuesday of This Inst. Decem^r. 1ly. John Tewxbury Chosen Grand Juryman for y^e. Ensuing year. 2ly. Chosen to serve on y^e. Jury of Trials at ye aforesaid Court Stilson Hilton and Jonathan Herrick Junr. Essex ss. To M^r. John Forster Constable of the Town of manchester—Greeting—These are in his majesties name to will and require you Forthwith to notifie and warn all The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of The Town of manchester That have any Estate of Freehold in Land within This province or Territories of Forty shillings pr annum at The Least or other Estate to y^e. Value of Fifty pounds Sterling to assemble at our meeting House our usual place of Town meeting on monday The ninth Day of march anno Domini one Thousand seven hundred and sixty one at Eight of y^e. Clock in The morning Then and There to Elect & depute Select men overseers of y^e. poor Town Clerk Constable and other Town officers as the Law directs and to agree upon granting such sum or sums of money as shall or may Be adjudged needfull for y^e. Relief of y^e. poor and defraying all other necessary Charges arising within the said Town and also to see if the Town will New set the wall against The Burying yard & Contrive and put into Execution some method for y^e. Destruction of y^e. Briars growing in said yard, and also to see [88] if the Town will Choose a Committee to settle the Line Between Manchester and Ipswich and Furthermore to see what The Town will do Relative to y^e. School Land: and to agree on any other thing or matter That shall Be Thought necessary to advance the Interest and promote y^e. Benefit of said Town Hereof fail not upon your peril But make return of This your warrant and your Doings Therein unto myself Before y^e. said Time of meeting Dated at manchester y^e. 20th Day of February Anno Domini 1761 By order of The Select men

a Return of ye above warrant was made before ye Time of meeting pr John Forster Constable

Benja Kimball Town Clerk

Att a Town meeting in manchester Legally warned and met together on monday The ninth Day of march A. Domini 1761 in order to Choose Town officers To serve said Town ye year Ensuing 1ly. Deacon Jonathan Herrick was Chosen moderator for said meeting 2ly. Voted to Choose Two wardens for y^e. year Ensuing. 3ly. Chosen for wardens m^r. John Edwards Senr. and m^r. John Tuck 4ly. Chosen for a Town Clerk Benjamin Kimball 5ly. Chosen for Select men, Capt. John Forster, Benja Kimball, & John Tewxbury 6ly. Chosen for a Constable Benjamin Ober 7ly. Chosen for a Town Treasurer Deacon Jonathan Herrick 8ly. Voted to Choose y^e. rest of the officers This day to Be Chosen By a hand Vote 9ly. Chosen for Surveyors of highways John Allen John Forster andrew Hooper Benjamin Kimball John Tewxbury Deacon Jonathan Herrick 10ly. Voted that The Swine should go at Large Being Yoked and Ringed as The Law makes provision Therefor 11ly Chosen for hog-Reves Benjamin Kimball Jacob Hooper Jonathan Herrick sen^r. John allen and John pearce 12ly. Chosen for Hay wards Benj^a. Craft Solomon Lee John Tewxbury Benjamin orsment sworn Andrew Hooper

13^ly.. Chosen for surveyors of Fences Thomas Lee Andrew Woodbury Jacob Hooper and John Tewksbury 14ly. Chosen for Tything-men Jeremiah Dow & Jacob Hooper 15^ly. Chosen for measurer and marker of Bords and Timber Thomas Lee John Edwards and John Cheever 16ly. Chosen for sealer of weights and measures Lieut. Thomas Lee 17ly. Chosen for sealer of Leather Elisha Allen 18ly Chosen for Corders of wood Elisha Allen and Jeremiah Dow 19ly. Chosen for Cullers of Fish John Lee Esqr. John Tewksbury & John Forster & Samuel allen sen^r. 20ly. Chosen for a pound Keeper Samuel Carter 21ly. Chosen for Inspector of Deer Samuel Carter 22ly. Voted That the Assessors This day Chosen shall assess the Town the year Ensuing. 23ly. Voted That the assessors This day Chosen shall assess The Town Fifty pound for the Revnd. M^r. Toppans Covenanted Salary y^e. Ensuing year. 24ly. Voted that the assessors This day Chosen

shall assess The Town as a Gift for y^e. Revnd. m^r. Toppans support y^e. Ensuing year Twenty pounds 25ly. Voted That The assessors This day Chosen shall assess The Town Forty pound to defray the Charge of a grammar School the year Ensuing. 26^ly. Voted that The assessors This Day chosen shall assess The Town Fifty pound to defray Town Charges ye year Ensuing. 27ly. Voted that the assessors This Day chosen Be a Committee to Lay out The money Voted to Be raised for y^e. support of a grammar School the year Ensuing. 28ly. Voted That the assessors and selectmen This Day Chosen Be a Committee to New set The wall against y^e. Burying Yard and receive their pay out of the Town Treasury 29^ly. Voted That Capt. John Forster have the use and Improvement of the Town Burying yard for two years for nothing provided he doth on the opening of This Spring Cut [89] and Rake of of said yard all The Briars Therein growing and pasture it with sheep & That only For Two years Ensuing The Date of This meeting: otherwise to pay to said Town for the use of said yard Eight shillings pr. annum for the Two succeeding years. 30^ly. Voted That Their Be a Committee Chosen to settle the Line Between Manchester and Ipswich. 31ly. Voted that Capt. John Forster Deacon Jonathan Herrick and m^r. John Tewxbury Be a Committee to settle y^e. Line Between Manchester and Ipswich provided Ipswich will Consent The Line shall go from Dodges Stump to the Rock to The westward of Cedar swamp But not to settle on any other conditions 32ly. Voted That The assessors This day Chosen Be and are a Committee impowered By The said Town to sell & give leagal Conveyance of y^e. school Land to any person disposed to purchase and to Let at Interest immediately such money for y^e. use & Benefit of sd. Town 33ly. Voted that the selectmen This Day Chosen Be and are a Committee To Caulk The Steeple of The meeting house and make y^e. same tite By any means or method That They shall Judge most Expedient and also to get some particular spots plaistered under y^e. stair way as you ascend The Galary 34ly. Voted That The four Volumes of m^r. Baxters work which Belong to the Town Be looked up and Lodged in The hands of The Revnd m^r. Toppan By him to be Lent to Those who may apply to him for the same He seeing them returned to him again once in every four months.

[90] Essex ss.

To Benjamin Ober Constable of the Town of Manchester —

Greeting— These are in his majesties Name forthwith to will and require you to notifie and warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town that have an Estate of Freehold in Land within this province or Territory of Forty shillings pr annum at the Least or other Estate to y^e. Value of Forty pound sterling to assemble at our meeting-House in manchester on Friday the Twenty second of This Inst. May at seven o'clock in ye morning Then and There to Elect & depute one person Being a Freeholder and Resident in manchester to serve for and represent us in a great and General Court or assembly appointed to Be Convened held and kept for his majesties service at the Court house in Boston upon wednesday the Twenty seventh Day of may Inst.—Hereof fail not upon your peril and make return of this your warrant and your Doings Therein unto myself Before y^e. said time of meeting

Manchester May 7th 1761
By order of the Select Men
Benj^a. Kimball T. Clerk

A return of ye above warrant
was made before ye time of meeting
pr Benjamin ober Constable

At a Town meeting in manchester Legally warned and met together on Friday ye Twenty Second Day of may anno Domini 1761—In order to Choose one person to represent our Town at a Great & General Court or assembly to Be Convened and Kept for his majesties service at the Court House in Boston upon Wednesday ye Twenty Seventh Day of This Inst. May. 1ly. It was put to Vote wither we should send a Representative to represent us at a great [91] and General Court to Be Convened and held at the Court house in Boston on the Twenty seventh Day Inst. and Voted in the Negative not to send one At a Town Meeting in Manchester Legally warned and met together on wednesday y^e. first Day of July anno Domini 1761 In Order to Choose Two Jurymen to serve at the next inferiour Court to Be holden at Salem for and within ye County of Essex on ye second Tuesday of this Inst. July 1ly. Chosen as ye Law directs to serve at ye aforesaid Court Ames Cheever 2ly. Chosen Joseph Killam.

At a Town meeting in manchester Legally warned and convened on Tuesday the sixth Day of october Anno Domini 1761 In order to Choose Jurymen to serve at ye next Superiour Court of Judicature to Be holden at Salem on ye Third Tuesday of this Inst October 1ly. Andrew Woodberry was Chosen moderator for y^e.

said meeting 2ly. Benjamin Orsment and John Pearce Chosen to serve on the Grand Jury at ye aforesaid Court 3ly. Chosen to serve on ye Jury of Trials at ye Court aforesaid Andrew Hooper and Jeremiah Dow

At a Town meeting in Manchester Legally warned & met together on monday the Twenty first Day of Decem^r^ Anno Domini 1761 In order to Choose Three Jury men to serve at the next Inferiour Court of Common Plees to be holden at Salem on the Last Tuesday of this Inst. Decem^r^. 1ly. Thomas Poland Chosen Grand Juryman for y^e^. year Ensuing. 2^ly^. Chosen to serve on the Jury of Trials at the Court afores^d^. Jacob allen Samuel allen Junr.

Essex ss. To m^r^. Benjamin ober Constable of the Town of Manchester Greeting—These are in his Majesties Name to will and require you forthwith to notifie and warn all The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Manchester that have any Estate of Freehold in Lands [92] within This province or Territorys of Forty Shillings pr. annum at the least or other Estate to the Value of Fifty pounds Sterling to assemble at our meeting-House our usual place of Town Meeting on Monday the Fifteenth Day of March Anno Domini one Thousand Seven hundred and sixty two at Eight o'Clock in ye morning Then and There to Elect and Depute Select Men: Overseers of the poor: Town Clerk, Constable and other Town officers as the Law directs. And to agree upon Granting such sum or sums of money as shall or may be adjudged needfull for the Relief of ye poor and defraying all other necessary Charges arising within the said Town. And also to see if the Town will raise a sum of money to mend the high-ways by a Rate: or wither ye Town will make a Division of the ways and allow Each person for his proportionable part of the said ways to Mend provided They will become obliged to keep Their respective parts in good Repair on penalty of Forfeiting such a sum as the Town shall deem proper to be mentioned in an obligation drawn for that purpose. And to agree upon any other Thing necessary to promote the Benefit of said town. Hereof fail not and Make Return of this your Warrant and your Doings Therein upon your peril unto myself Before ye said Time of Meeting. By order of the Select-Men Manchester 27: Feby. 1762 Benj^a^. Kimball Town Clerk

a Return of ye above warrant was made
before ye Time of meeting p^r^.
Benj^a^. Ober Constable

[92] Att a Town meeting in Manchester Legally warned and met together on Monday the Fifteenth Day of March Anno Domini 1762 In order to Choose Town Officers to serve said Town the Ensuing year. 1ly. Deacon Jonathan Herrick Chosen Moderator sd meeting 2ly. Voted to Choose Two wardens for ye ensuing year. 3ly. Voted to Choose said wardens by a hand Vote 4ly. Chosen for wardens Andrew Hooper & andrew woodberry 5ly. Chosen For a Town Clerk Benjamin Kimball. 6ly. Chosen for select men Jonathan Herrick John allen Joseph whipple 7ly. Chosen for a Town Treasurer Jonathan Herrick. 8ly. Chosen for a Constable Benjamin Kimball. 9ly. Voted to Choose the Rest of the Town officers This Day to Be Chosen By a hand Vote. 10ly. Voted that the Hogs Shall go at Large Being Yoked and Ringd. according to Law. 11ly. Chosen for Hog-Reves Richard Day John Edwards senr. John Cheever Jonathan Allen Junr. & Benjamin Ober 12ly. Chosen for Haywards Jacob Hooper Nehemiah Lee Benjamin Ober and Edmond Hovey. 13ly. Chosen for Surveyor of Fences Jacob Allen Thomas Lee John Edwards senr. and John Tewxbury. 14ly. Chosen for Tything Men Jeremiah Dow & Benjamin Kimball 15ly Chosen for Measurer and Marker of Bords and Timber Thomas Lee, John Edwards senr. and John Cheever. 16ly Chosen for sealer of Weights and Measures Thomas Lee. 17ly Chosen for Sealer of Leather Elisha Allen 18ly Chosen for Corders of wood Elisha Allen Joseph Knight Jeremiah Dow 19ly Chosen for Cullers of Fish John Lee Esqr. John Tewxbury John Forster Andrew Woodberry Samuel Allen senr. & Jeremiah Allen senr. 20ly Chosen for a pound Keeper Nehemiah Lee 21ly Chosen for Inspector of Deer Samuel Carter 22ly Voted that the Select Men This Day Chosen shall assess ye Town the year Ensuing

[93] 23ly Voted that the Highways for ye Ensuing year be divided into Eleven wards 24ly Chosen for surveyors of high-ways Jacob Hooper Jonathan Allen Junr. John Tuck John Lee Esqr. Jeremiah allen senr. Jonathan Herrick senr. John Harskell Thomas Le

John Tewxbury John Lee sen$^{r.}$ Benjamin ober 25^{ly} Voted That the Select Men This Day Chosen shall assess the Town for y^{e} Revnd Mr Toppans Covenanted Salary the Ensuing year Fifty pounds. 26^{ly} Voted that the Select men this Day Chosen assess the Town Twenty-six pounds Thirteen shillings & four pence as a Gift for the Revnd Mr. Toppans Support ye Ensuing year He getting The Ten Cord of wood that was usually got at the Cost and Charge of the Town 27^{ly} Voted that ye Select Men This Day Chosen shall assess the Town to defray the Charge of a Grammar School the Ensuing year Thirty pounds. 28^{ly} Voted That the Select Men this Day Chosen Be a Committee to Lay out the Money Raised for a School ye Ensuing year in ye Best manner They Can To have one months schooling from this Time and the Remainder of the Money to Be Laid out in a School from some Time next Fall so as to keep untill the next annual March Meeting 29^{ly} Voted that the Select men this Day Chosen assess the Town Sixty five pounds to defray Town Charges. Essex ss. To Benj$^{a.}$ Kimball Constable of Manch^{r} — Greeting — These are in his Majesteys Name to will and require you forthwith to warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Manchester that have an Estate of Freehold in Land within this province or Territory of Forty shillings pr. annum at the Least or other Estate to y$^{e.}$ Value of Forty pounds Sterling to assemble at the Meeting-House in Manchester on Thursday the Twentieth Day of this Inst May at Eight of y$^{e.}$ Clock in the Morning Then and There to Make Choice of one person [94] being a Freeholder and Resident of Manchester to serve for and represent the said Town of Manchester in a great and general Court or Assembly appointed to be Convened held and kept for his Majesties service at the Court house in Boston upon Wednesday the Twenty Sixth Day of May Instant Hereof fail not & Make Return of This your Warrant and your Doings Therein unto our-selves Before the said Time of Meeting. John allen Joseph Whipple Select men of Manchester

A return of y^{e} above warrant was made before y^{e} said Time of meeting pr. Benjamin Kimball Constable } Att a Town Meeting in Manchester Legally warned and Met together on Thursday y^{e} Twentyeth Day of May Anno Domini 1762 in Order to Choose one person to represent y$^{e.}$ said Town of Manchester at a great and general Court or assembly to be Convened & kept for his Majesties

service at y^e Court House in Boston upon wednesday the Twenty sixth Day of this Instant May. 1^ly Jonathan Herrick was Chosen Moderator for y^e said Meeting 2^ly It was put to Vote whether we should send a Representative to represent us at a great and general Court to be Convened & held at the Court-House in Boston on the Twenty Sixth Day Inst. and Voted in the Negative not to send one.

At a Town Meeting in Manchester Legally warned and met together on Thursday the first Day of July 1762 In order to Choose Two Jurymen to serve at the next inferiour Court to be holden at Salem for and within the County of Essex on the second Tuesday of This Instant July 1^ly Chosen as the Law directs to serve at the aforesaid Court Nathaniel Lee & 2^ly Chosen Jacob Tewxbury

[95] At a Town Meeting in Manchester Legally Warned and Convened on Thursday the Fourteenth Day of October 1762 in order to Choose Jury men to serve at the next Superiour Court of Judicature to be holden at Salem on the Third Tuesday of this Inst. October. 1ly. Deacon Jonathan Herrick was Chosen Moderator for ye said Meeting 2^d Deacon John Allen and Mr John Edwards were Chosen to serve on the Grand Jury at the aforesaid Court 3ly. was Chosen to serve on the Jury of Trials at the Court aforesaid Lieut. Jacob Hooper and Jonathan Allen Junr. Att a Town meeting in Manchester Legally warned and Convened on monday the 21st Day of December Anno Domini one Thousand seven hundred and Sixty Two in order to Choose Three Jury men to serve at ye next Inferiour Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Salem on ye Last Tuesday of this Instant Decem^r. 1^ly. Daniel Edwards was Chosen Grand Jury man for the year Ensuing 2^ly. Chosen to serve on ye Jury of Trials Mr Aaron Bennett and Mr William Allen. Essex s.s. To Benjamin Kimball Constable of the Town of Manchester—Greeting. These are in his majesties Name to will and require you forthwith to notifie and warn all ye Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Manchester that have any Estate of Freehold in Land within This province or Territories of Forty shillings pr. annum at y^e or other Estate to ye Value of Fifty pounds Sterling to assemble at our Meeting-House our usual place of Town-Meeting on Monday the Seventh Day of March Anno Domini one Thousand Seven hundred and sixty-Three at Eigt of ye Clock in the morning of said Day Then and There to Elect and Depute wardens Select men : overseers of the Poor : Town Clerk Constable & other [96]Town-officers as the Law

directs And to agree upon granting such sum or sums of money as shall or may be adjudged needfull for the Relief of the poor and defraying all other necessary Charges arising within ye same. And also to see if the Town will dispose of ye ministry Lot in the Cedar Swamp Division So-called. And to agree and Conclude upon any other matter or thing necessary to promote the Benefit of said Town

Hereof Fail not and make Return of this your Warrant and your Doings Therein upon your Peril before ye said Time of Meetings Dated at Manchester ye 17th of Febry 1763

Joseph Whipple, John Allen, Jon^a^. Herrick } Selectmen of Manchester

A Return of the above Warrant was made before ye said Time of meeting pr Benj^a^. Kimball Constable

Att a Town Meeting in Manchester Legally warned and met together on monday the seventh Day of march Anno Domini 1763. In order to choose Town officers to serve said Town the year ensuing. 1ly. Deacon Jon^a^. Herrick was chosen Moderator for ye said Meeting 2^ly·^ Chosen for Wardens Joseph Knight and Benjamin Ober 3^ly·^ Chosen for Town Clerk Benjamin Kimball 4^ly·^ Chosen for Select Men Jonathan Herrick: John Allen & Joseph Whipple. 5^ly·^ Chosen for a Town Treasurer Deacon Jonathan Herrick. 6^ly·^ Chosen for a Constable Solomon Lee 7^ly·^ Voted to Choose the rest of ye Officers to be chosen this day: by a hand Vote. 8^ly·^ Voted that the Hogs might go at Large if yok'd & ring'd as ye Law directs. 9^ly·^ Chosen for Hog Reves Samuel Carter John Edwards senr. Thomas Poland Daniel Edwards & Benjamin Craft. 10^ly·^ Chosen for Haywards Richard Day John Tewxbury Moses Dodge and Andrew Hooper. 11^ly·^ Chosen for Surveyor of Fences Benjamin Ober: John Edwards senr. John Allen [97] Jonathan Herrick Junr. 12^ly·^ Chosen for Tything-men Moses Dodge & Thomas Poland 13^ly·^ Chosen for measurers and markers of Bords & Timber Jno. Edwards Thomas Lee & John Cheever 14^ly·^ Chosen for Sealer of Weights & measures Thomas Lee 15^ly·^ Chosen for sealer of Leather Elisha Allen 16^ly·^ Chosen for Corders

of wood Jeremi Dow: Elisha Allen & Joseph Knight. 17ly. Chosen for Cullers of Fish John Lee Esqr. Capn. John Forster Samll. Allen senr. Andrew Woodberry and John Tewxbury. 18ly. Chosen for a pound Keeper Samuel Carter 19ly. Chosen for Inspector of Deer Samuel Carter. 20ly. Chosen for Surveyor of Hoops Clapbords & Shingle John Tewxbury & John Allen. 21ly. Chosen for Packer of Mackrell John Tewxbury 22ly. Chosen for Surveyors of High-Ways John Lee senr. Benjamin Ober Daniel Edwards: Solomon Lee: Joseph Whipple: Elisha Allen: Richard Day: Thomas Poland: Jacob Hooper, Benjamin Craft & Jonathan Herrick Senr. 23ly. Voted that the Select men this day Chosen shall assess the Town the year Ensuing. 24ly. Voted that the Select men this Day Chosen shall Assess the Town for the Reverend Mr. Toppans Covenanted Salary the Ensuing year Fifty pounds. 25ly. Voted that the Select Men this Day Chosen assess ye Town as a Gift for the Reverend Mr. Toppans maintenance & support He Being at the Cost & Charge of geting his own Fire Wood the ensuing year Thirty Three pounds sixteen shillings and eight pence 26ly. Voted that ye Select-Men this Day Chosen assess the Town to defray the Charge of a grammar school the year ensuing Thirty pounds. 27ly. Voted that the Inhabitants of Kettle-Cove have their part of ye abovesaid Thirty pound in proportion to their Tax: & are hereby debarred the Liberty of Sending to ye Town School: & other Town people of sending to their School 28ly. Voted that the Select men this Day Chosen Lay out ye money voted for a School after Kettle Coves part is Assigned Them in the following manner viz. one month this Spring & the Remainder from some Time next Fall so as to keep untill or near march meeting. 29ly. Voted that ye Select men this Day Chosen Assess ye Town to defray Town Charges Sixty five pounds 30ly. Voted that the Select-men This Day Chosen Be a Committee to sell ye ministry Lot in ye Cedar Swamp Division So called: by & with ye Consent of ye parson & put the money at Interest for ye Benefit of said Town. 31ly. Chosen for a Committee to seat ye Meeting House Deacon Jonathan Herrick Deacon John Allen Andrew Woodberry: John Edwards John Tewxbury Jacob Hooper Joseph Knight Andrew Hooper & Elisha Allen. Essex s.s.

To Solomon Lee Constable of Manchester—Greeting—In his majesties Name you are hereby Required to warn all the Free-holders and other Inhabitants of ye Town of manchester That have an Estate of Freehold in Land within This province or Territory of Forty shillings pr. annum at ye Least or other Estate to ye Value of Forty pounds Sterling to assemble at the Meeting House in Manchester aforesaid on Monday the sixteenth Day of May next a Eight o'clock in ye Morning Then and There to Elect and Depute one Person Being a Freeholder, and Resident in ye said Town of Manchester to serve for and represent the said Town in a great and general Court or Assembly appointed to Be Convened held and kept for his Majesties service a the Court House in Boston on Wednesday the Twenty Fifth Day of May next Ensuing ye Date hereof and to Cause ye Person so Elected and Deputed by ye Major part of ye Electors present at ye said election to be Timely notified and summoned by yourself to attend his Majesties service in the great and general Court or Assembly on ye Day above prefixed by nine of ye o'clock in ye Morning and so de Die in Diem During These session or sessions Hereof Fail not and make Return of this Warrant with your Doings Therein at or Before ye said Time of Meeting Dated a Manchester 20th April 1763

[98] A Return of ye above Warrant was made Before ye said meeting pr. Solomon Lee Constable — Jona. Herrick, John Allen, Joseph Whipple } Selectmen of Manchester

Att a Town Meeting in Manchester Legally warned & met together on monday ye sixteenth Day of May Anno Domini 1763. To Choose one person to Represent ye said Town of Manchester at a great & general Court or Assembly to be Convened & kept for his Majesties Service at ye Court House in Boston upon wednesday the Twenty Fifth Day of This Instant May. 1ly. Jonathan Herrick Chosen Moderator for ye said Meeting. 2ly. Put to Vote whether we should send a Representative to Represent us at a great and general Court to Be Convened and held at ye Court House in Boston upon Wednesday ye Twenty fifth of May Inst. and Voted in ye Negative not to send one. Att a Town Meeting in Manchester Legally warned & met together on Tuesday ye fifth Day of July 1763 In order to Choose Two Jury men to serve at ye next Inferiour Court to be holden at Salem for and within ye County of Essex on ye Second Tuesday of this Instant July 1ly. Chosen as ye Law directs John Harskell 2ly. was Chosen Benjamin Craft.

Att a Town Meeting in Manchester Legally Warned & met together on monday the 10th Day of October Anno Domini 1763 in order to Choose Jury men to serve at the next superior Court of Judicature to be holden at Salem on ye Third Tuesday Inst. October 1ly. Thomas Lee Chosen Moderator for said Meeting 2ly. Chosen to serve on ye Grand Jury Jonathan Herrick & Benjamin Kimball 3ly. Chosen to serve on ye Jury of Trials at ye said Court Jeremi Allen senr. & John Tuck.

[99] To Solomon Lee—Constable of Manchester—Greeting—You are hereby required to notifie the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Manchester Qualified for Voting as the Law directs to Assemble at the Meeting-House in Manchester on Thursday ye Fifteenth Day of Decemr next at nine o'clock in the morning Then and There after the Choice of Jury men to see if the Town will Vote an additional sum of Money to That which was Voted at their annual Meeting in march Last towards paying Town Charges that have since unexpectedly arisen Fail not and make Return of This Warrant with your Doings therein at or before the said Meeting.

Manchester 30th Novr 1763

A return of ye above warrant was made Before the Said meeting pr. Solomon Lee Constable

Jonathan Herrick
John Allen
Joseph Whipple
} Select—men of Manchester.

Att a Town Meeting in Manchester Legally warned & Convened on Thursday the Fifteenth Day of December Anno Domini 1763 in order to Choose Jury men to serve at the next Inferior Court to be holden at Salem on ye Last Tuesday of this Inst. and also to see if the Town will Vote to raise an additional sum of money to that Voted to be rais'd at their Annual Meeting in March Last in order to defray extraordinary & unexpected Town Charges since arisen. 1ly Jonathan Herrick was Chosen Moderator for ye said Meeting 2ly Edward Lee was Chosen to serve as Grand Jury man for ye year Ensuing. 3ly. Edward Hooper was Chosen to serve on the Jury of Trials at the aforesaid Court. 4ly. Voted to Assess or Tax the Town Twenty-Four pounds Fifteen shillings & five pence to defray Town Charges.

[100] Essex s.s To Solomon Lee Constable of Manchester—Greeting You are hereby Required In His Majesty's Name to Warn all The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of

Manchester Qualified as the Law Directs to Vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Meeting House in said Manchester on Monday The fifth day of March Next at eight o'Clock in the Morning then And there to Elect and Depute Wardens select men overseers of the Poor Town Clerk Constable and other ordinary Town officers as the Law directs. And to agree upon granting such sum or sums of Money as shall or may be adjudged Needfull for the Relief of the Poor and Defraying other Town Charges which May necessarily arise within the same. And to see if the Town will come into any new method to support and maintain there Poor. And to see if the Town will agree & Consent to sell for a Reasonable Consideration the Way that leads Through Pickworth's Lotts to Lobster Cove to John Forster. And furthermore to see if the Town will agree to choose a Committee to settle the Line between Ipswich and Manchester. And to agree upon any other Matter or thing that May tend to promote to Benefit of said Town. Hereof Fail Not and make Return of this Warrant with your Doings therein at or before the said Meeting on your Perril.

Dated at Manchester ye 19th Feb'y, A.D. 1764.

By order of the Select Men
Benjamin Kimball Town Clerk

A Return of the above Warrant was made at The said time of meeting pr. Solomon Lee Constable

[101] Att an Annual Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Manchester Legally Warned and assembled on Monday the Fifth day of March Anno Domini 1764—In order to Choose officers to serve said Town the year Ensuing 1ly. John Lee Esqr was Chosen Moderator for said Meeting. 2^ly· Chosen for Wardens Elisha Allen Jacob Hooper 3ly. Chosen for Select-Men John Allen John Twexbury & Joseph Whipple. 4ly. Chosen for Town Clerk Joseph Whipple. 5^ly· Chosen for Town Treasurer Jonathan Herrick sener. 6^ly· Chosen for a Constable Daniel Edwards. 7^ly· Voted to Choose the rest of the officers to be Chosen this day by a hand Vote. 8^ly· Voted the Hogs Might go at Large if Lawfully Yok'd and Ringed 9^ly· Chosen for Hog Reves John Edwards sen^r Andrew Woodbury Edmund Hove Solomon Lee &

Ezekiel Cheever 10ly. Chosen for Haywards Daniel Edwards Thomas Poland & Nehemiah Lee 11ly Chosen for surveyors of the Highways Jonathan Herrick senr John Forster senr Andrew Hooper Daniel Edwards Benja Ober Andrew Woodberry John Allen Jeremiah Dow Thomas Poland Moses Dodge Ezekiel Knowlton. 12ly. Chosen surveyors of Fences, Jonathan Herrick Junr John Edwards senr John Allen senr Benja Ober. 13ly. Chosen Tything-Men Benjamin Ober Edmund Hoove. 14ly. Chosen for Measurers and Marckers of Boards and Timber Thomas Lee John Edwards senr & John Cheever. 15ly Chosen for a selar of Weights & Measures Thomas Lee. 16ly. Chosen for a selar of Leather Elisha Allen. 17ly. Chosen for Corders of Wood Joseph Knight Elisha Allen Jeremiah Dow. 18ly. Chosen for Cullers of Fish John Lee Esqr John Forster senr Samuel Allen senr Jeremiah Allen senr John Tewxbury & Andrew Woodberry 19ly. Chosen for Pound Keeper Samuel Carter 20ly. Chosen for an Inspector of Deer Samuel Carter 21ly. Chosen for surveyr of Hoops Clapboards & shingles John Allen Sn John Twexbury. 22ly. Chosen for a Packer of Mackrel John Twexbury. 23ly. Voted that the Select men this day Chosen shall assess the Town for the Rev'd Mr Toppan's Covenanted Sallary Fifty Pounds for the Year Ensuing. 24ly. Voted that the Select-Men this day Chosen shall assess The Town Thirty three Pounds sixteen shillings & eight pence as a Gift to the Rev'd Mr Toppan Towards his support and Maintanance the Ensuing Year he Being at the Charge of Geting his own Fire wood. 25ly Voted that the Select Men this day Chosen shall assess the Town Forty five Pounds Towards Keeping and supporting of a Grammar School the Ensuing year. 26ly. Voted that the People in that part of the Town called Kettle Cove shall have there part of the above said sum to be Ras'd for The support of a Grammar school in Proportion to there Taxes Not being allowed to send to or to have any Benefit from the Schoole keept in the Middle of the Town: and all the other Parts of the Town are Debarred from the Liberty of sending to any schoole at

Kettle Cove. 27ly. Voted that the Select-Men this day Chosen shall after Deducting out Kettle Cove's part of the above said Forty five Pounds Lay out so much of said sum as will keep the schoole Three Months this Present Spring and the Remainder thereof to be Layd out so as to bring it to a close at or near the next Annual March Meeting. 28ly. Voted that the Said select Men shall assess the Town sixty-five Pounds to Defray Town Charges. 29ly. Voted to Choose a Comittee to settle the Line between the [102] Township of Ipswich and Manchester. 30ly. Chosen as a Committee to settle the said Line John Lee Esqr Jonathan Herrick sen^{r} John Forster sen^{r} John Twexbury & Daniel Edwards 31ly. Voted that the said Committee shall have Full Power and Authority in every Respect to settle & Determine the said Line With Ipswich People. and if the People of Ipswich should Refuse to settle the said Line to sue them for a Final settlement.

Att a Town Meeting in Manchester Legally Warn'd and met together on Tuesday the 22^{d} day of May, Anno Domini 1764: in order to Choose one Person to Represent the said Town at ye Great & General Court or Assembly to be Holden for His Majesty's service for the Present Year. 1ly. Put to Vote whether the said Town should send one or more Persons to Represent them at the s^{d} Court And Voted in the Negative not to send any. Att a Town Meeting in Manchester Legally Warned and Assembled, on Tuesday the Third day of July A.D. 1764 in order to Choose Two Jury men to serve at the Next Inferiour Court to be holden at Salem on the second Tuesday of July Instant. The Persons Drawn out of the Box to serve at said Court were: Ezekiel Cheever. 2ly. Ezekiel Knowlton.

Att a Town Meeting in Manchester Legally Warn'd and met to gether on Tuesday ye Eleventh day of October 1764 in order to Choose Jury-Men to serve at the next Superiour Court of Judicature to be holden at Salem on the Third Tuesday of this Instant October. 1ly. was chosen Joseph Whipple Moderater. 2ly Benjamin Ober and Andrew Woodberry were Chosen to serve on [103] the Grand Jury: and 3ly. John Morgan & John Cheever were Chosen to serve on the Jury of Trials for the Above said Court.

Att a Town Meeting in Manchester Legally Warned and Met to gether on Tuesday ye Seventeenth Day of December 1764 in order to Choose Jury men to serve at the Next Superior Court

to be Holden at Salem on the Last Tuesday of this Instant December. 1ly. was Chosen William Badcock Junr. to serve on Grand Jury for the year Ensuing 2ly. was Chosen Francis Craft & Solomon Day to serve on the Jury of Tryals. Essex s.s To Joseph Whipple Clerk of the Town of Manchester—Greeting—

You are hereby Required in his Majesty's Name forthwith to Notify the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Manchester qualified as the Law directs to meet at the Meeting House in Manchester on Monday the forth Day of March at Eight o'Clock in the Morning then & there to Elect & Depute Wardens: Select Men: overseers of the Poore: Town Clerk: Constable: & other Town officers as the Law Directs. And to agree upon granting such sum or sums of Money as may be adjudged Needfull for the Relief of the Poore and to Defray all other Necessary Town Charges arising within the same. And to see if the Town will Come into some other Method Respecting the Poore And make Return of this Warrant with your Doings therein at the said Meeting.

Dated at Manchester ye Fifteenth Day of Febry. AD. 1765.

Return was made of the above Warrant at said meeting pr. Joseph Whipple Clerk of said Town.

John Allen
John Tewxbury } Select Men of Manchester

[104] Att a Meeting of Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Manchester Legally Warned & Met to gether on Monday the forth Day of March A.D. 1765 Was Chosen as follows Viz: 1ly. Chosen Deacon Jonathan Herrick Moderator of said Meeting. 2ly. Chosen for Wardens Benj^a.^ Orsment & Thomas Poland 3ly. Chosen Select-Men John Allen Joseph Whipple John Tewxbury 4ly. Chosen Town Clerk Joseph Whipple. 5ly. Chosen Town Treasurer Deacon Jonathan Herrick 6ly. Chosen Constable Jonathan Herrick Junr. 7ly. Voted to Choose the other officers by a hand Vote. 8ly. Voted for the swine to go at Large being yok'd & Ringd 9ly. Chosen Hog Reves Richard Day, Jacob Hooper, Benj^a.^ Orsment Solomon Lee Moses May. 10ly. Chosen Haywards Jacob Hooper, Richard Day, Saml Carter, John Peard, Ezekiel Knowlton. 11ly. Chosen Surveyors of Fences Thomas Lee, Joseph

Knight, Deacon John Allen, Andrew Woodbury. 12ly. Chosen surveyors of High Ways Deacon Jonathan Herrick, Joseph Knight senr. Benja Orsment, Samuel Allen senr. Deacon John Allen, Thomas Ayres, John Tewxbury, Thomas Poland Solomon Lee Nehemiah Lee. 13ly. Chosen Tything-Men Solomon Lee John Easkoot 14ly. Chosen Measures & Markers of Boards & Timber Thomas Lee senr. John Edwards senr. John Cheever. 15ly. Chosen sealer of Weights & Measures Thomas Lee 16ly. Chosen Sealer of Leather Elisha Allen. 17ly. Chosen Corders & Measurers of Wood Joseph Knight sr Jeremiah Dow Solomon Lee. 18ly. Chosen Cullers of Fish John Lee Esqr. John Forster Samuel Allen senr. Jeremiah Allen senr. John Tewxbury Andrew Woodbury 19ly. Chosen Pound Keeper samuel Carter senr. 20ly. Chosen Inspector of Deere Benja. Ober. 21ly. Chosen surveyors of Hoops Clapboards & Shingles Deacon John Allen John Twexbury.

[105] 22ly. Chosen Packer of Mackeral John Tewxbury. 23ly. Voted the Select-Men this Day Chosen shall be assessors 24ly. Voted the Select Men this Day Chosen shall Assess the Town for the Rev'd Mr. Toppan's Covenanted Salary Fifty Pounds. 25ly Voted the said select-Men shall assess the Town Thirty six Pounds thirteen shillings & four pence as a gift to Rev'd Mr. Toppan towards his support for the Present year. 26ly. Voted fifty Pounds for a Gramer School, the People at Cittle Cove to Draw their Proportion of said Fifty Pounds for a schoole at sd. Cove, and to have no Benefit of the Schoole in the Middle of the Town. 27ly. Voted Fifty five Pounds to Defray Town Charges. 28ly. Voted the Select-Men shall hire a House for the Use of the Poore & such other Persons as are Partly or wholly supported by the Town, and to appoint an oversear over them, and provide Meat, Drink & Lodging sufficient for them, and stock for them to work on: or to take any other Method with any one or more of the said Persons as they shall Judge most for the Benefit of the Town. Att a Town Meeting in Manchester Legally Warn'd and met to geather on Thursday the Fourth Day of July, 1765 for the Choyce of Two Jury Men to serve at the Next Inferiour Court to be Holden at Salem on the

second Tuesday of July Inst. The Person Chosen were 1ly. Obediah Carter 2ly Samu'l Foster.

Att a Town Meeting in Manchester Legally Warn'd and Met to geather on Tuesday the 15th Day of Octobr. 1765. In order to Coose two Jury Mén to serve at the Next Superiour Court of Judicature to be holden at Salem on Tuesday the fourth Day of Novembr. Next. 1ly. Deacon Jonathan Herrick was Chosen Moderator: 2ly. Jonathan Herrick sn. was Choosen to serve on the Grand Jury 3ly. John Tewxbury was Choosen to serve on the Jury of Trials at ye sd Court.

[106] Att a Town Meeting in Manchester Legally Warn'd and met to geather on Thursday the Twenty sixth Day of Decembr. 1765 in order to Choose Three Jury Men 1ly. Cap. Benja. Kimball was Choosen Moderator for sd. Meeting. 2ly. James Lee was Choosen to serve on the Jury of Trials. 3ly. Willm. Stone was Choosen to serve on the sd. Jury of Trials at the next Inferiour Court of Common Please to be holden at Salem on the last Tuesday of Decembr. next: 2ly. Jeremiah Dow was Choosen to serve on the Grand Jury for the Year Ensuing. Essex s.s.

To Jonathan Herrick Junr. Constable of the Town of Manchester Greeting—You are hereby Required in His Majesty' Name, forthwith to Notify & warn the Freeholders & other Inhabitants in the Town of Manchester, that have an Estate of Freehold in Land within this Province or Territory of Forty shillings per Annum at the Least, or other Estate to the value of fifty Pound sterling, to assemble at the Meeting House in Manchester on Monday the Tenth Day of March Next at Eight o'Clock in the Morning, then & there 1ly to Choose a Moderator, and then to Proceed to the Choice of other Town officers as the Law Directs: and to agree upon Granting such sum or sums of Money as shall there be adjudged Necessary for the Relief of the Poore, & Defraying all other Charges that has or may arise within the s'd Town for the Insuing Year and Likewise to see if the Town will agree to have the Highways in said Town Maintaind by a Rate. And to see if the Town will Dispose of those Persons that are partly or holly supported by the said to those that will bid most for them at the said Meeting. And to see if the Town will Choose a Committee to look after and Recover a Piece of Land now in the Improvement Cap. John Forster wich was formily Reserv'd for a Landing Place for the use of the said Town which Land lays between Majr. Lee's

Island & Cap. Forsters ware house And make Return of this Warrant with your Doings thereon to one of the Select-Men two Days at least before the time of said Meeting. Dated at Manchester the Fourteenth Day of February in the sixth year of his Majesty's Reign Anno Domini 1766

A return of the above Warrant was made by Jonathan Herrick Junr. Constable of said Town of Manchester

Joseph Whipple, John Tewxbury, John Allen } Select-Men of Manchester

Att an Annual Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Manchester Legally Warned and assembled on Monday the Tenth Day of March A. D. 1766 in order to Choose Town officers for the Year Insuing, 1ly. Deacon Jonathan Herrick was Chosen Moderator for said Meeting 2ly. Joseph Whipple was Chosen Town Clerk. 3ly. Deacon John Allen Joseph Whipple & John Tewxbury was Chosen Select-Men and assessors 4ly. Deacon Jonathan Herrick was Chosen Town Treasurer 5ly. John Cheever was Chosen Constable. 6ly. Voted that the rest of the officers to be chosen this Day shall be Chosen by a Hand Vote. 7ly. Richard Day & Solomon Lee was chosen wardens 8ly. Voted that the Hogs shall go at Large being Lawfully Yok'd & Ring'd. 9ly. Andrew Hooper Benjamin Orsment Jonathan Allen Junr. Richard Day Samuel Carter & William Badcock Chosen Hog Reves. 10ly. Benjamin Ober Ezekiel Cheever Thomas Poland John Edwards senr. Chosen Haywards. 11ly Dea. John Allen Jacob Hooper Andrew Woodbury Solomon Lee was Chosen Fence Vewers 12ly. Voted that the High-Ways in said [107] Town shall be Maintained by a Rate: 13ly. Voted that the High Ways shall be Mended between the Middle of April & last of Augt. Extraordinary Casualties Excepted. 14ly. Voted Forty Pounds to be lay'd out on the High-Ways. 15ly. Voted the Select-Men shall be assessors for the above said sum of Forty Pounds for the High-ways. 16ly. Andrew woodberry John Tewxbury John Cheever Jacob Hooper Nehemiah Lee & Deacon Jonathan Herrick was Chosen Surveyors of the High-ways 17ly.

Voted that a Man shall have three shillings per Day and a good Yoke of oxen three shillings per Day, and that a Man shall work Ten Hours for a Day & a Teem Eight Hours for a Day. 18ly Nehemiah Lee & Benj^a. Kimball Chosen Tything Men. 19ly. Thomas Lee John Edwards sr. & John Cheever was Chosen Measurers & Markers of Boards & timber. 20ly. Thomas Lee was Chosen sealer of weights & Measures. 21ly. Elisha Allen Chosen Sealer of Leather 22ly. John Tewxbury Jeremiah Dow & Solomon Lee Chosen Corders of wood 23ly. John Lee Esqr. Cap. John Foster Andrew Woodbury John Tewxbury Samuel Allen s^n. Jeremiah Allen s^n. Daniel Edwards & Andrew Marsters Chosen Cullers of Fish. 24ly. Samuel Carter Chosen Pound keeper. 25ly Benjamin Ober Chosen Inspector of Deere 26ly. Dea. John Allen & John Tewxbury Chosen surveyors of Hoops staves Clap Boards & Shingles. 27ly. John Tewxbury Chosen Packer of Macker[1]. 28ly. Voted Fifty Pound for the Rev'd M^r. Benjamin Toppans Covenanted sallary. 29ly. Voted Thirty six Pound thirteen shillings & four pence as a gift to Rev'd M^r. Toppan 30ly. Voted Fifty Pounds for the support of a Grammar Schoole which is to be a Free Schoole for any & every part of the Town to send to, and to be [108] keep a Proportionable part of the time at that part of the Town Call'd Kettle Cove. & the Remaining part of the time to be keept in the Middle of the Town. Kittle Cove people to Provid a House for the Schoole to be keept in at there own Expence. 31ly. Voted Fifty Pounds for to Defray Town Charges.

To John Cheever Constable of the Town of Manchester—Greeting.

You are hereby required forthwith to Notify & warn ye freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Manchester qualified as the Law Directs to meet at the Meeting House in Manchester on Wednesday the Twenty first day of May Inst. at Seven o'clock in the Morning then & there to Elect & Depute one Person to Represent the s'd Town of Manchester at a Great & General Court or Assembly to be holden at Boston on Wednesday the Twenty Eighth Day of May Next. and to cause the Person so elected to be seasonably Notified to attend the service of s'd Court by Nine o'Clock in the Morning on s'd Day. And to make Return of this warrant

with your doings therein to myself two Days at least before the s'd Meeting.

Manchester May 5th., 1766 By order of ye Select Men

Joseph Whipple } T. Clerk of Manchester

Att a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Manchester Legally warned & Met to geather on Wednesday the Twenty first Day of May one Thousand seven hundred & sixty six in order to Coose one Person to Represent sd. Town at a Great & General Court or Assembly to be holden at Boston on Wednesday the Twenty Eighth Day of May Instant firstly put to Vote wheather the sd. Town should sent a Representative And voted not to send one

[109] Att a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Manchester Legally Warned and Meet to geather on Wednesday the Twenty fifth Day of June 1766 In order to Choose two Jury men to serve at the Next Inferior Court to be holden at Salem on the second Tuesday of July Next. firstly Jonathan Allen 3d. was Chosen secondly John Edwards Junr. was Choosen to serve as Jury-Men at said Court.

Att a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Manchester Legally warn'd and meet to geather on Monday the 27 Day of Octobr. 1766 in order to Choose two Jury-Men to serve at the Next Superiour Court of Judicature, Court of Assize & General Goal Delivery to be Holden at Salem for the County of Essex on the first Tuesday of Novembr. Next: firstly Thomas Lee was Chosen Moderator, 2ly John Allen was Chosen to serve on the Grand Jury 3ly Joseph Knight Sn. was Chosen to serve on the Jury of Trials at the said Court.

Att a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Manchester Legally Warn'd and Meet togeather on Monday the 22d. Day Decembr. 1766 for the Choice of Jury-Men, Thomas Poland was Chosen to serve on the Grand Jury and Samuel Allen Junr. and Joseph Leach Junr. was Chosen to serve on the Petit Jury for Trials at the Court of General sessions of the Peace to be Holden at Salem for and within the County of Essex on the last Tuesday of Decembr. Instant. Essex s.s.

To John Cheever Constable of the Town of Manchester—Greeting—You are hereby Required in his Majesties Name to Notify and

warn the free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Manchester qualified as the Law Directs to assemble at the meeting house in Manchester on Monday the Ninth Day of March Next at Eight o'Clock in the Morning then & there firstly to Choose a Moderator and then proceed to Choose Wardens, Selectmen, Town Clerk, overseers of the Poore, Town Treasurer, Constables, Surveyors of high ways, Tything men Fence Viewers, Clerk of Markett Sealer of Leather, and other ordinary Town officers, and to agree upon Granting such sum or sums of money as shall be adjudged Necessary for the Relief of the Poore, and Defraying all other Necessary Town Charges, and to see if the Town will agree to sell the Ministry Land Laying by the Eastward side of the Meeting House for House lots and to Choose a Committee to sell it. and to see if the Town will Vote to have all the ox sleads in the said Town of Manchester to be four feet wide from out side to out side and to Annex a Penalty for Neglect of Conformity to the said Vote after the first Day of Decemb^r. next. and Likewise to grant Liberty to any Person or Persons to Cut any ox Slead in two Lengthways that shall be used or Improved in any of the ways in said Town not agreeable to the above Dementions: and to see the Town will come into any new method to mend the High ways in said Town agreeable to any Plan that may be exhibited at the above said Meeting, or wether they shall be mended as they ware ye Last year, and to see if the Town will sell to M^r. Samuel Lee the Ministry Lot in Millets Swamp so Called: Reserving the wood thereon for the Ministry to Cut Twenty Years. and Likewise to see if the Town will Agree to Buye the House that the Widow Littlefield now lives in, and Take it Down and Rebuild it on some other Place of Ground for the said Widow to Live in. Dated at Manchester 17 Feb'y 1767

By order of the Select Men Joseph Whipple T. Clerk

a Return of the above Warrant was made at the said Meeting pr John Cheever Constable of Manchester

[110] Att an Annual Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Manchester Legally warned and Assembled on Monday the Ninth Day of March A.D. 1767 in order to Choose Town officers for the year Insuing 1ly Deacon Jonathan Herrick was Chosen Moderator for the said Meeting. 2ly John Tewxbury was Chosen Town Clerk 3ly Deacon Jonathan Herrick Deacon John Allen & John Tewxbury was Chosen Select Men. 4ly Deacon Jonathan Herrick was

Chosen Town Treasurer. 5ly William Badcok was Chosen Constable. 6ly Voted that all the other officers should be Choosen by a hand Vote. 7ly Daniel Edwards & Obed Carter was Choosen wardens. 8ly Voted that Hogs should go at Large being yoakd & Ring,d according to Law. 9ly Daniel Edwards Aaron Lee Andrew Woodberry John Edwards sen^r. and Obed Carter was Choosen Hog Reves, 10ly John Tewxbury, Benjamin Orsment, Jacob Hooper, & Nathan Lee was Choosen Haywards, 11,ly Andrew Hooper, Solomon Lee Deacon John Allen and Benjamin Ober, was Choosen fence Viewers. 12,ly Voted that the High-way shall Be Mantain,d by a Rate. 13.ly Voted that every head shall work one Day or pay three shillings. 14.ly Voted that the High-ways shall Be Mended betwen the first of April and the Last of August. 15,ly Voted that the Select Men shall be assors. 16,ly Voted that the assors shall assess the Town three shillings pr head & one penney on a Pound on the Income of Estates to Defray the Charges of mending the highways all Vessels Excluded. 17,ly Voted that every man shall have Liberty to work out his Rate at the Request of the surveyor and every good Yoak of oxen shall have three shillings pr Day. 18,ly Andrew Woodberry John Tewxbury Deacon Jonathan Herrick Jacob Hooper Jeremiah Dow & Nehemiah Story was Choosen surveyors of High-ways. 19.ly Voted that every man shall be obliged to go at the surveyors Call to shovel snow any Time when the ways shall be full. 20,ly Voted that the Surveyors shall be Collectors to Collect the High-way Tax. 21.ly Voted that the asors shall Make the High-way Tax [111] by the Inventory of the year 1766. 22,ly Voted that the surveyors shall be obliged to render in an account of all the work they shall Do on the highways to the Select men at the Close of the year, and in Case any of them shall work more than his Rate shall Draw his pay from the surveyor of the same ward the Next year. and in Case any of the surveyors shall not work out his Rate shall pay it to the Next surveyor of the same Ward. 23.ly Aaron Lee and Moses Dodge ware Choosen Tything Men. 24.ly Thomas Lee John Edwards sen^r. and John Cheever ware Choosen Measures and Markers of Bords and Timber. 25,ly Thomas Lee was Choosen sealer of weights and Measures. 26.ly

Elisha Allen was Choosen sealer of Leather. 27,ly John Tewxbury Jeremiah Dow and Solomon Lee ware Choosen Corders of wood. 28,ly John Lee Esq$^{r.}$ Andrew Woodberry Sam$^{ll.}$ Allen sen$^{r.}$ Jeremiah Allen, Daniel Edwards Andrew Marsters and John Tewxbury ware Choosen Cullers of Fish. 29,ly Jacob Hooper & Benjamin Ober ware Choosen Inspecter of Deer. 30,ly John Tewxbury and Obed Carter ware Choosen surveyors of staves Hoops Clabboards & Shingles and also packers of Fish & Mackrell 31.ly Obed Carter was Choosen Pound Keeper. 32.ly Aaron Lee & Elizar Craft ware Choosen Weighers of Bread. 33.ly Voted fifty pounds for the Rev.n$^{d.}$ M$^{r.}$ Benjamin Toppans Covnanted sallary 34,ly Voted Thirty six pounds thirteen shillings & four pence as a Gift to y$^{e.}$ Rev$^{d.}$ M$^{r.}$ Benjamin Toppan. 35,ly Voted twenty pounds for the suport of a Grammar Schoole 36,ly Voted that the Select Men shall be a Committee to Lay out the Money for a Grammer School Master. 37,ly Voted fifty Pounds to Defray Town charges 38.ly John Lee Esq$^{r.}$ Deacon Jonathan Herrick Dea. John Allen Daniel Edwards and John Tewxbury was Choosen a Commitee to sell the Ministry Land to the Eastward of the Meeting House into House Lotts, and also the Ministry Lot in Millets Swamp Reserving the wood for the Ministry for 20 years and Take security for the same and the Intrest of said Money to be for the use of the Ministry for ever [112] 39.ly John Lee Esq$^{r.}$ Dea: Jonathan Herrick Dea: John Allen Andrew Woodberry Daniel Edwards Andrew Marsters John Edwards s$^{n.}$ Jacob Hooper Samuel Foster Aaron Lee & John Tewxbury ware Choosen a Commitee to seat the Meeting House 40.ly Voted that if any Man shall be found sleding with an ox sled under three foot & ten Inches wide any Time after the first Day of Desember Next shall forfit and pay the sum of six shillings, and so for every Day that he shall Be found so Doing after the said first Day of December Deacon John Allen and Jacob Hooper, Voted in the Negetive. 41.ly Voted that the Select Men shall make out their account against William Jones Jn$^{r.}$ and Deduct it out of said Jones Estate and return him the Rest

Jonathan Herrick Moderater

Essex s.s.

To William Badcok Constable of the Town of Manchester. Greeting These are In his Majesties Name to will and Require you

forthwith to Notify & warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Manchester that have a freehold in Lands within the province or Terretory of forty shillings per annum at the Least, other Estate to the value of forty Pounds sterling, to Assemble at our Meeting on Wensday the 20th. Day of May Instant at seven O'clock in the Morning then & there to Elect and Depute one or more persons (Being freeholders and Resident in This Town) to serve for and Represent us in a Great & General Court or Assembly Appointed to be Convened held and keept for his Majesties service at the Court House in Boston upon Wensday the Twenty Seventh Day of May Instant. And also to see if the Town will Raise Money to purches a House estate and Build a House in some part of the Town for the use of the poor of the Town. [113] and also to see if the Town will Choose a Committee to Do the same, or come into some other Method Relating to the poore. And also to see if the Town will grant Liberty to Capt. Samuel Lee Lieut. Thomas Lee Daniel Edwards Andrew Woodberry John Tewxbury and others to set up Two Gates, one at the end of the Lane Eastward from John perrys House, the other at the end of the Lane Northward from Thomas Polands House & make Return of this warrant with your Doings to myself at or before ye. sd. Meeting.

Manchester May 4, 1767.

Return of the above said Warrant was Made at the said Meeting pr William Badcok Constable } By order of the Selectmen John Tewxbury T. Clerk of Manchester

Att Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Manchester Leagaly Warn,d and Met to gether on Wensday the 20th Day of May 1767. in order to Choose one or more persons to Represent the said Town in a great and General Court to Convened and held att Boston on Wensday the twenty seventh Day of May Instant. 1ly Deacon Jonathan Herrick was Choosen Moderator for said Meeting 2dly was put to Vote to see wether we should send any person to Represent the Town at a Great and General Court to be Convend and held as afore said. Voted in the Negitive Not to send any person. 3ly Voted to Give Liberty to Capt. Samuel Lee Leut. Thomas Lee Andrew Woodberry Daniel Edwards John Tewxbury and others to set up two gates one at the end of the Lane Eastward from John Perrys House the other Northward from Thomas Polands House

[114] Att a Town Meeting in Manchester Leagaly Warned and Met to gether in order to Choose two Jury Men on the 27th Day of October 1767 at Eight o'clock in the Morning, also to see if the Town will Raise Money to Build or Buye a House for the Poor. firstly John Lee Esqr. was Chosen Moderator. 2ly. Nehemiah Story was Choosen Grand Juryman. 3ly Jacob Allen was Choosen Jurier of Trials. 4.ly Voted to Buy or Build a House and also a small piece of Land for the Convenience of said House for the use of the Poor. 5.ly Voted that the assesors shall assess the Town forty two Pounds to Buy or Build a House for the use of the Poor or the family of the Littlefields. 6ly. Deacon Jonathan Herrick, Deacon John Allen & John Tewxbury was Choosen a Committee to Build or Buy the above said House.

Att a Town Meeting in Manchester Leagly warned aird Met together on the 22d Day of December Anno Domini 1767. in order to Choose three Jury men one on the Grand Jury and two on the Jury of Trials at the Nex Inferior Court to holden at Salem on the Last Tuesday of December Instant, firstly Andrew Masters was Choosen Grand Jury man, 2ly Malachi Allen and Nathll. Haskell ware Choosen to serve on the Jury of Trials at the aforesaid Court.

Att an Annual Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Manchester Leagally Warned and Met together on Monday the seventh Day of March A. D. 1768. in order to Choose Town officers for the year Insuing 1ly. Deacon Jonathan Herrick was Choosen Moderator for sd. Meeting 2ly. John Tewxbury was Choosen Town Clerk. 3ly Deacon Johns Allen [115] Andrew Woodberry and John Tewxbury was Choosen Select-men 4ly Deacon Jonathan Herrick was Choosen Town Treasurer, 5ly. Aaron Lees was Choosen Constable. 6ly Voted to Choose all the other officers by a hand Vote. 7ly Samuel Foster & Jonathan Allen 3d. was Choosen Wardens, 8ly Benjm. Orsments Solomons Lee Jonathans allen 3d. and Joseph Knight Junr. was Choosen Hog Reves, 9ly Jacob Hooper Thomas Poland Eleazer Craft & Stephen Danford was Choosen Hay wards, 10ly. John Edwards senr. Stephens Allen Benjamins Ober and Jonathan Herrick Junr. was Choosen Fence Viewers: 11.ly Voted that the Select-men shall be assessors. 12ly Voted to Mend the High ways in the same way and Manner

that they ware Mended in the year 1767. 13ly. Andrew Woodberry Deacon Jonathan Herrick Jacob Hooper Nehemiah Story and Obid Carter was Choosen Surveyors of High-ways. 14ly Voted to Enter all the Votes Relating to the High-way that was Voted in the year 1767. 15ly Voted that the assessors shall asses the Town three shillings a head, and one penny on the Income of Estates to Defray the Charge of Mending the High-ways 16ly Voted that Every man shall have Liberty to work out his Rate at the Request of the Surveyor and that every good yoak of oxen shall have three shillings a Day, 17ly Voted that every man shall be obliged to go at the surveyors Call to Shovel snow any Time when the way shall be full. 18ly Voted that the Surveyors shall be Collectors of the High-way Tax. 19ly. Voted that the assessors shall make the High-way Tax by the Inventory of the year 1766. 20thly Voted that Every Surveyor shall Render in an account of all the work they shall do on the High ways to the Select-men at the Close of the year. and in Case any of the surveyors shall work more than his Rate shall Draw it from the surveyor of same ward the Next year and in Case any surveyor shall not have workt out his Rate shall pay it to the Next surveyor of the same ward. 21.ly John Edwards Junr. and Nehemiah Lee was Choosen Tything men. 22dly. Thomas Lee was Choosen sealer of weights and measures. 23dly Elisha Allen was Choosen sealer of Leather 24thly John Tewxbury Daniel Edwards Jeremiah Dow & Solomon Lee was Choosen Corders of wood. 25thly John Lee Esqr. Andrew Woodberry Samuel Allen senr. Andrew Masters Daniel Edwards and John Tewxbury was Choosen cullers of fish 26thly. Jacob Hooper & Benjamin Ober was Choosen Inspecter of Deer. 27thly John Tewxbury and Obid Carter was Chosen Cullers of hoops staves and shingles, packers of Mackrell and Meeters. 28ly. John Edwards senr. John Cheever and Thomas Lee was Choosen Measurers and markers of Bords and Timber, 29ly. Obed Carter was Choosen pound keeper, 30ly voted fifty Pounds for the Revnd Mr. Toppans Covnanted Sallary. 31ly Voted for the Revnd. Mr. Toppan as a Gift thirty six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence. 32ly

Voted to Defray the Charges of a Grammer School forty five pounds. 33ly Voted that Kittle Cove shall have Liberty of the School one Month and Newport half a month. 34ly Voted to Defray Town Charges Eighty pounds, 35ly John Lee Esqr. Deacon Jonathan Herrick Stephen Allen Daniel Edwards Deacon John Allen Andrew Woodberry and John Tewxbury was Choosen a Commitee to Lay out a way from Jacob Allens Barn to the Stone Bridge to the Eastward of John Lyndalls House and to Treat with Aaron and Moses Bennett and John Cheever to see if [116] they will sell to the Town a way through their Land, in order to turn the way that goes over Bennetts Hill

Essex ss. To William Badcock Constable of the Town of Manchester Greeting—You are hereby Required in his Majesties Name to Notify and warn the freeholders and Inhabitants of the Town of Manchester qualified as the Law Directs to assemble at the Meeting house in Manchester on Monday the seventh day of March Next at Eight o'clock in the Morning, then and there firstly to Choose a Moderator and then to proceed to Choose Wardens selectmen, Town Clerk, overseers of the poor, Town Treasurer Constable, Surveyors of highways, Tything-men, Fence viewers, Clarke of the Markett Sealers of Leather, and other Ordinary Town Officers, and to agree upon granting such sum or sums of money as shall be adjudged necessary for the Relief of the poor, and Defraying all other Necessary Town Charges, as mending high-ways &c. And to see if the Town will agree to Buy a way through Bennetts and Cheevers Land in order to turn the way that goes over Bennets Hill, and allso to Layout a way from Jacob Allens Barn to the Stone Bridge to the Eastward of John Lyndalls House, and to Choose a Committee to do the same, and also to Choose a Committee to Clear the Highway from Incumbrance by wood or any other thing whatsoever. Hereof fail not and make Return of this your Warrant with your doings therein unto myself at or before the said meeting. Dated at Manchester the 20th Feb. 1767 By order of the Selectmen

John Tewxbury
Town Clerk

Return of the above s^{d}. Warrant was made at said meeting pr William Badcock Constable of Manchester

[117] Essex s.s. To Aaron Lee Constable of the Town of Manchester. Greeting In his Majesties Name you are hereby required forth to Notify and warn the freeholders or other Inhabi-

tants of the Town of Manchester that have an Estate of free hold in Land within this Province or Territorys of forty shillings pr Annum at the Least or other Estate to the Value of forty Pound Sterling, to Assemble at the Meeting House in s^d^ Manchester on Saterday the twenty first day of this Instant May at six o'clock in the Morning: then and there to Elect and depute one or More Persons (being free holders and Resident in the same Town) to Serve for and Represent us at a great and General Court or Assembly apointed to be Conven'd held and kept for his Majesties Service at the Court House in Boston upon Wensday the twenty fifth day of this Instant May. Hereof fail not and Make Return of this Warrant with your doings at or before the s^d^ Meeting Manchester May 6, 1768 By order of the Selectmen

John Tewxbury T. Clerk

Att a Town Meeting in Manchester Legaly warned and Mettogether on Saterday the twenty first day of May one thousand seven hundred and sixty Eight in order to Choose one or Persons to Represent s^d^ Town at a great and General Court or Assembly to be holden at Boston on Wensday the twenty fifth day of May Instant. Voted not to send one. Att a Town Meeting in Manchester on the fifth day of July one thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Eight Legaly warned and Met together in order to Choose two Jury-men to Serve at the next Inferiour Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Salem on the Second Tuesday of July Instant. [118] firstly Benjamin Craft Secondly Eliazer Craft was Choosen Jury men to serve at the above s^d^ Court.

Att a Town Meeting in Manchester Legally warned and Met together on Monday the twenty fourth day of October one thousand seven Hundred and Sixty Eight in order to Choose two Jury-men one to serve on the grand Jury and one on the Jury of Tryals, at the Next Superior Court to be holden at Salem on the first Tuesday of November firstly Jonathan Allen Junr was Choosen Grand Juryman 2^d^ly John Edwards Senr was Choosen Jurer of Trials to serve at the above s^d^ Court. Att a Town Meeting in Manchester Legally warn'd and met together on Monday the Ninteenth day of December one thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Eight in order to Choose three Jury-men one to serve on the Grand Jury and two on the Petit Jury firstly Jonathan Brown was Choosen Grand Juryman Secondly John Grant and Ebenezar Lee was Choosen Pettit Jury-men to serve at the Next Inferiour Court to be

holden at Salem on the Last Tuesday of this Instant December. Essex s.s. To Mr. Aaron Lee Constable of the Town of Manchester—Greeting—you are Required in his Majesties Name forthwith to Notifie and warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Manchester qualified as the Law directs to assemble at the Meeting House in Manchester on Monday the Twentieth Day of this Instant March at Eight o'Clock in the morning Then and there firstly to Choose a Moderator and then to proceed to Choose Wardens: Town Clerk, Select-men Overseers of the Poor Town Treasurer Constable: Surveyors of high Ways Tything men Fence Viewers Clark of the Markett: and other ordinary [119] Town Officers as the Law Directs and to agree upon granting such sum or sums of Money as shall be adjudged necessary for the Relief of the Poor and defraying all other Necessary Charges and to see if the Town will agree to Build a work House: and Choose a Committee to do the same: and to see if the Town will sell the House that the Littlefields live in: and to choose a Committee to do the same and Likewise to see if the Town will agree to pay Doctor Woodbury for Doctoring the French Woman or allow his acct. or any Part Thereof Hereof fail not and make Return of this Warrant with your Doings therein unto myself at or before ye said Meeting. By order of the Select Men

A Return of ye above Warrant was made at the Time Prefixed in said Warrant. Pr. Aaron Lee Constable

John Tewxbury Town Clerk
Dated at Manchester March 2d 1769

At a Town Meeting in Manchester on Monday the 20th. Day of March Anno Domini 1769 in Order to Choose Town Officers & to Raise Money to Defray Town Charges. 1ly Deacon Jonathan Herrick was chosen Moderator 2ly Chosen for Wardens William Badcock and Nathan Lees Lee 3ly Chosen for Select-Men Deacon Jona. Herrick: Aaron Lees Lee: and Benjamin Kimball. 4ly Chosen for Town Clerk Benjamin Kimball

5ly Chosen for Town Treasurer Deacon Jonathan Herrick

6ly Chosen for Constable Obed Carter

7ly Voted to Choose all the other Officers to be Chosen at this Meeting by a hand Vote. 8ly Chosen for Hog Reeves Ezekiel Knowlton Benja. Ober: Eleazar Craft: Francis Knight Edward

Lee 9ly Voted that the Swine go at Large the Ensuing year: being yok'd & ring'd according to Law. 10ly Chosen for Hayward Jacob Hooper Stephen Danford Nehemiah Lee Samuel Forster 11ly Chosen for surveyor of Fences John Edward senr. Stephen Allen Jonas. Herrick Junr. John Tewxbury 12ly. Voted the Select men this Day Chosen be Assessors to Assess the Town the year Ensuing 13ly. Voted to mend the high Ways the Ensuing year in the same Way and Manner as They were mended in the year 1767 & 1768 and also to Enter all the Votes Relating to the high Way that was Voted in the years 1767 & 1768 14ly. Chosen for Surveyors of high ways Jacob Hooper Nehemiah Storer Obed Carter Jonathan Herrick senr Ensign Andrew Woodberry & John Lee Esqr. 15ly. Voted that the Assessors shall asess the Town Three Shillings pr. head and one Penny on ye Income of Estates to Defray the charges of mending the high ways 16ly. Voted that Every man shall have Liberty to work out his Rate at the Request of the Surveyor: and that Every good Yoke of Oxen shall have Three shillings pr. Day. 17ly. Voted that Every Man shall be obliged to go at the surveyors Call to shovel snow any Time when the Way shall be full. 18ly. Voted that the Surveyors shall be Collectors of the High Way Tax. 19ly Voted the Assessors shall make the high Way Tax by the Inventory of the year 1766 20ly. Voted that Every surveyor shall Render an Account of all the Work They shall do on the high Way to the Select Men at the Close of the year and in Case any of the Surveyors shall work more than his Rate shall draw it from the surveyor of the same Ward the next year & in any case any surveyor shall not have work't out his Rate shall pay it to the next Surveyors of the same Ward [120] 21ly. Voted for Tything Men Jacob Tewxbury & Jonathan Allen Junr. 22ly. Chosen for sealer of Weights & Measures Thomas Lee 23ly. Chosen for sealer of Leather Elisha Allen 24ly. Chosen for Corders of wood John Tewxbury Jeremiah Dow Daniel Edwards & Solomon Lee 25ly Chosen for Cullers of Fish John Lee Esqr. Daniel Edwards Andrew Marsters Samuel Allen

sen^{r}. Andrew Woodberry and John Tewxbury 26^{ly}. Chosen for Inspector of Deer Jacob Hooper Benjamin Ober 27^{ly} Chosen for Cullers of Hoops Staves & Shingles & Packers of Mackrel John Tewxbury Obed Carter 28ly. Chosen for Measurers and Markers of Bords & Timber John Edwards sen^{r}. Thomas Lee & John Cheever. 29^{ly}. Chosen for Pound Keeper Obed Carter. 30ly. It was Voted that the preceeding Votes at this Meeting stand good as tho the Clerk had been sworn immediately upon his Choice. 31^{ly}. Voted Fifty Pounds £50 Pounds for the Revnd. M^{r}. Toppans Covenanted Salary the Ensuing year. 32ly. Voted as a Gift for the Revnd. M^{r}. Toppan the Ensuing Forty Three Pounds. 33^{ly}. Voted for the support of a Grammar School the Ensuing Year Forty Five Pounds. 34ly. Voted that Kettle Cove have the Benefit of said schools Being kept there one Month the Ensuing Year. 35ly. was Voted Ninety Pounds to defray Town Charges the Ensuing Year. 36ly Voted that the Select Men this Day Chosen settle Doct^{r}. Woodberry's acc^{t}. with him for Doctoring the French Woman in the Best Manner they can. 37ly. Voted that Deacon Jonathan Herrick Stephen Allen and Solomon Lee be a Committee to lay out a high Way thro the Common from East Corner of a Lot Belonging to the Heirs of Thomas Lee Junr. Deceas'd to the south Corner of a Lot Belonging to Jon^{a}. Dodge of Beverly.

Essex s.s. To Mr Obed Carter Constable of the Town of Manch^{r} —Greeting—In his Majesties Name you are hereby required forthwith to Notifie and warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Manchester that have an Estate of Free hold in Land within this Province or Territory of Forty shillings pr. annum at the Least or other Estate to the Value of Forty Pounds Sterling to Assemble at the Meeting-House in said Manchester on Wednesday the Twenty fourth Day of this Inst. May: at six o'Clock in the Morning then and there to Elect and depute one or more Persons being Freeholders & Resident in the same Town to serve for & represent us at a great & general Court or Assembly appointed to be Convened held & kept for his Majesties service at the Court house in Boston upon Wednesday the Thirty first Day of May Inst. Hereof fail not and make Return of this Warrant & y^{r}. Doings therein unto myself at or before the said Time of Meeting.

Manchester May 13, 1769
A Return of the above Warrant was made at the Time Prefixed in sd. Warrant By Obed Carter Constable

By order of the Select Men
Benjamin Kimball Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Manchester Legally Warned and Convened on Wednesday the Twenty fourth Day of May Anno Domini 1769: in order to Choose one or more persons to serve for and Represent said Town at a great and general Court y^e. Ensuing Year. 1^ly. John Lee Esqr. Chosen Moderator of said Meeting. 2^ly. Was Put to Vote Whether the Town would send any Person to represent [121] them at ye said Court & Voted in the Negative not to send any.

Att a Town Meeting in Manchester Legally warned and Convened on Monday the Third Day of July Anno Domini 1769. in order to Choose Two Jury men to serve at the next Inferiour Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Salem on the Second Tuesday of July Instant. Was Chosen Ezekiel Knowlton & John Cheever to serve as Jury men at the said Court

Att a Town Meeting in Manchester legally warned and met together on Monday the Twenty Third Day of October one Thousand Seven hundred & sixty nine in Order to Choose Two Jury Men one to serve on the Grand-Jury & one on the Jury of Trials at the next superior Court to be holden at Salem on the first Tuesday of November next. 1ly. Chosen for a Grand Jury man Deacon Jon^a Herrick. 2ly. Andrew Woodberry chosen Juror of Trials.

Att a Town Meeting in Manchester legally Warned and Met together on Wednesday the Twentieth Day of December Anno Domini one Thousand Seven hundred and sixty nine in Order to Choose Three Jury men Viz one to serve on the Grand Jury: and Two on the Jury of Trials Firstly Edward Hooper was Chosen Grand Jury Man for ye Ensuing year Secondly Jonathan Herrick Junr. and Benjamin Bennett, were Chosen to serve on the Petit Jury at the next Inferiour Court to be holden at Salem in the County of Essex on the Last Tuesday of December Instant.

Essex s.s.

To Mr Obed Carter, Constable of the Town of Manchester—Greeting

You are hereby required in his Majesties Name forthwith to no-

tifie and warn all the Free holders and Other Inhabitants of ye Town of Manchester that have an Estate of Freehold in Land within this Province or Territory of forty shillings per Annum at the Least or other Estate to the Value of Fifty Pound Sterling to assemble at ye Meeting House in Manchester on Monday the fifth Day of March next at Eight of the Clock in ye Morning of said Day Then and There to Choose a Moderater for said Meeting. and also to make Choice of Wardens Select Men Town Clerk: Overseers of the Poor: Town Treasurer: Constables and all other Town Officers as the Law Directs. And to agree upon Granting such sum or sums of Money as shall or may be deem'd needfull for the relief of the Poor: and defraying all other Town Charges arising within the same And likewise to see if the Town will lay out a high-way thro' the Great Neck so called down by M^r·^ Procters House to the Landing Place and also settle the Bounds of Said Landing And further to see if the Town will come into some Measures respecting the Landing Place by the Meeting House which has been so long Encumbered to the Damage: if not Danger of the Inhabitants of said Town in passing and repassing over the same: and also all other Landing Places in said Town. And also to see if the Town will Grant Liberty of a Cart-way from the south East Corner of the Town Wharf to and from the Flats and pass a Vote that ye said way be kept free and Clear of all Encumbrances whatsoever And Further to see if the Town will sell the House in which [122] miss Littlefield now dwells and raise Money to build another more Commodious for the Reception of the Poor: and to agree upon any other Matter tending to promote the Benefit of s^d·^ Town.

Hereof fail not on your Peril: and make Return of this Warrant with your Doings therein unto myself on or before ye Said Time of Meeting Dated at Manchester Feby 16th 1770

By order of ye Select-Men
Benj^a^ Kimball Town Clerk

N. B. A Return of ye above warrant was made at ye Time Prefixed in s^d·^ Warrant Pr. Obed Carter Con-s^tbl.^

Att an Annual Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Manchester Legally warned and assembled on Monday the Fifth Day of March Anno Domini 1770. In order to Choose Town Officers

to serve said Town the Year Ensuing. 1ly. Deacon Jonathan Herrick was Chosen Moderator for said Meeting. 2ly. Jacob Tewxbury and Benjamin Craft were Chosen Wardens. 3ly. Deacon Jonathan Herrick Aaron Lee and Benjamin Kimball were Chosen Select Men 4ly. Benjamin Kimball was Chosen Town Clerk.

5ly. Deacon Jonathan Herrick Chosen Town Treasurer.

6ly. Samuel Forster Chosen Constable.

7ly. Voted to Choose ye Rest of the Officers to be Chosen at this Meeting by a hand Vote. 8ly. Jacob Hooper Thomas Foland Ezekiel Cheever & Nehemiah Lee were Chosen Hog Reeves. 9ly. Voted that the Hogs go at Large Being Yok'd and Ring'd as the Law directs. 10ly. Jonathan Brown William Badcock Joseph Knight Junr. and Stephen Danford were Chosen Haywards. 11ly. John Edwards senr. Stephen Allen and Solomon Lee were Chosen Fence Viewers for the Year Ensuing. 12ly. Eleazer Craft & Moses Dodge were Chosen Tything-Men. 13ly. Chosen for a sealer of weights & Measures Thomas Lee. 14ly. Jeremiah Dow John Easkoot and Daniel Edwards were Chosen Corders and Sealers of wood. 15ly. Chosen for sealer of Leather Elisha Allen. 16ly. Chosen for Cullers of Fish John Lee Esqr. Daniel Edwards Andrew Woodberry John Tewxbury Andrew Marsters Samll Forster & Samll Allen Senr. 17ly. Chosen for Inspector of Deer Jacob Hooper & Benjamin Ober. 18ly. Chosen for Cullers of staves Hoops & Shingles & Packers of Mackrell John Tewxbury & Obed Carter. 19ly. Chosen for Measurers and Markers of Bords and Timber Thomas Lee John Edwards Senr. & John Cheever. 20ly. Chosen for a Pound Keeper Obed Carter. 21ly. Chosen for Surveyors of High-Ways John Lee Esqr. Jacob Hooper Andrew Woodberry Jonathan Herrick senr. Stephen Allen. 22ly. Chosen for Meters or Measurers of Grain John Tewxbury & Obed Carter. 23ly. Voted that the Select-Men this Day Chosen: be As-

sessors to Assess the Town the Year Ensuing. 24ly. Voted that the Assessors this Day Chosen shall Assess the Town in making highway Tax by the last Years Inventory: & that they set Each Poll at 3p & raise five Pense on ye Pound. 25ly. Voted that Every Man shall have Liberty to Work out his Tax at the Request of ye Surveyor and that Every Yoke of Oxen be set by ye surveyor at Three shillings pr. Day. 26ly. Voted that Every Person under the Care of their Respective surveyors are obliged to do Each his proportionable Part of Clearing the highway of snow: when Called upon: and that Every Person refusing to appear on Call be subject to pay a Fine of 5p Recoverable by ye surveyor of ye ward. 27ly. Voted y^t·^ the surveyors of highways Collect the high way Taxes. 28ly. Voted that Each surveyor of high ways Render an Acct. of their surveyorship to the select Men of the Town at the Close of the year & that Each surveyor work out his Tax by ye last of Sep^tr^ next.

[123] 29ly. Voted Fifty Pounds for ye Revnd. M^r·^ Toppans Covenanted Salary ye Ensuing Year. 30ly. Voted M^r·^ Toppan Thirty Eight Pounds as a Gift the Ensuing Year. 31^ly·^ Voted Forty Five Pound for ye use of a Grammar School ye Ensuing Year. 32ly. Voted that ye Select-men Lay out the Money Rais'd for the use of ye school. 33ly. Voted that Kettle Cove have their Proportion of ye Money raised for the support of ye Grammar school the Ensuing Year. 34ly. Voted Eighty-Five Pounds to defray Town Charges ye Ensuing Year. 35ly. Voted that John Lee Esqr·^ Daniel Edwards Stephen Allen John Tewxbury and Samuel Forster be a Committee to lay out a high way thro' the Great Neck so called down by M^r·^ Procters dwelling House to the Landing Place below s^d^ House one rod & an half wide and also to find: stake out: & settle the Bounds of said Landing. 36ly. Voted that the aforesaid Committee: be a Committee to Clear & so keep: the several Landing Places of Encumbrances ye Ensuing Year. 37ly. Voted that ye high way thro' y^e·^ Neck to the Landing Place be laid out by the aforesaid Committee one rod and an half in Wedth. 38ly. was Chosen for a Committee to seat the Meeting, Jonathan Allen Senr·^ John Tewxbury: Deacon John Allen: Stephen Allen: Benj^a·^ Kimball Nehemiah Storer: Doctor Joseph Whipple; Benjamin Ober: and Eleazer Craft. 39ly. was Chosen & impowered M^r·^ Daniel Edwards to inform against & prosecute Every Person not taking and keeping their Respective seats and also that Each & Every Person offend-

ing pay to ye said Daniel Edwards the sum of six shillings out of which the Charge of ye suit is to be first Taken: & ye overplus for ye Benefit of ye Poor of said Town. 40ly. The select men this Day Chosen were Voted a Committee to agree in the Best & Cheapest manner they Can with some Person to Paint the Meeting-House and also a Committee to advise with & employ some lawyer (if need be) to free the Town from Charge [124] y^t.^ has or may arise by Thomas Toppen. Essex s.s.

To Mr. Samuel Forster Constable of the Town of Manchester—Greeting—In his Majesties Name you are hereby required forthwith to Notifie and warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Manchester that have an Estate of Freehold in Land within This Province or Territory of Forty shillings p^r.^ Annum at the Least or Other Estate to the Value of Forty Pounds sterling: To assemble at the Meeting House in said Manchester on Monday the Twenty first Day of May Inst. at seven o'Clock in the Morning. of said Day: Then and There to Elect & depute one or more Persons Being Freeholders: and resident in the same Town to serve for & represent us in a great & General Court or Assembly appointed to be Conven'd held & kept for his Majesties service at Harvard College in Cambridge upon wednesday the Thirtieth Day of May Inst. Hereof fail not & make return of This warrant and your Doing Therein unto myself at or Before the said Time of Meeting.

Manchester May 15th 1770 Pr. Order of the Select-Men
A Return of the above warrant was made at ye Time prefixed in s^d^ warrant By — Sam^ll.^ Forster Constable } Benj^a^ Kimball T. Clerk

Att a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Manchester Legally warned and Convened on Monday the Twenty first Day of May Anno Domini 1770 in Order to Choose one or more Persons To serve for and represent us at a great & general Court the Ensuing Year. 1ly. Deacon Jonathan Herrick was Chosen Moderator of said Meeting. 2ly was put to Vote whether the Town would send any Person to represent Them at ye said Court & Voted in the Negative not to send any.

[125] Att a Town Meeting in Manchester Legally warned & Convened on Monday the second Day of July Anno Domini 1770: in order to Choose Two Jury men to serve at ye next Inferiour Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Salem on ye Second Tues-

day of July Inst. was draughted to serve at ye aforesaid Court William Badcock & Jonathan Allen Junr. Att a Town Meeting in Manchester Legally warned & Convened on Monday the Fifteenth Day of October Anno Domini 1770 in order to Choose Two Jury men one to serve on the Grand Jury: and one on ye Jury of Trials, at ye next superior Court to be holden at Salem on the first Tuesday of November next. 1ly. Chosen for a Grand Juror John Tewxbury. 2ly. for a Petit Juror Benja. Ober. Att a Town Meeting in Manchester Legally warned & Convened on Monday the Tenth Day of December Anno Domini 1770. To Choose Jurymen for Salem Court. 1ly. was Chosen to serve as a Grand Juriman for the year Ensuing: Obed Carter. 2^ly. Chosen to serve as Petit Juror at ye said Court: William Tuck, and Joseph Knight Junr.

Essex s.s.

To M^r. Samuel Forster Constable of the Town of Manchester Greeting — You are hereby required in his Majesties Name forthwith to notifie and warn: All the Freeholders: & other Inhabitants of the Town of Manchester that have an Estate of Freehold in Land within this Province: or Territories of Forty Shillings p^r. Annum at the Least: or other Estate to the Value of Fifty Pounds Sterling to Assemble at the Meeting House in said Manchester on Monday the Eleventh Day of March next at Eight o'Clock in ye Morning of said Day: Then and there, to Choose a Moderator for s^d Meeting: and to make Choice of Wardens: Select Men: Town Clerk: Town Treasurer: Constable: and all other Town Officers agreeable to ye Direction of ye Law. To agree upon granting such sum or sums of Money [126] as shall or may be deem'd necessary for releiving the Poor & defraying all other Charges necessarily arising within said Town. To Receive the Select Mens Report of a way laid out from M^r. Jacob Allens Barn to Baberry Marsh Bridge so Called: in (1768 and also to receive the Select Mens Report of the way laid out through a Part of M^r. Isaac Procter's Farm down to the Towns Landing Place below said Procters House. Also to see if the Town: will raise Money to build or purchase an House to accommodate the Poor of said Town and dispose of that House, in which Miss Littlefield now dwells. Further to see if the Town will sell about one Quarter of an acre of the Ministry Land to Doctor Joseph Whipple for an House Lot. Also whether the Town will grant M^r. Aaron Lee a spot on ye Town Landing to Erect a Ware-House for a Number of Years. He making a proper

Consideration for the same annually. Likewise to see whether the Town will grant Liberty to a Number of It's Inhabitants who live remote from Meeting to Erect Stables on the Town Landing for the accommodation of their Horses during divine service. And lastly to Choose a Committee to widen some Town High ways that are Encroached upon: if the Town think it necessary. Hereof fail not & make Return of this warrant & your Doings thereon unto myself at or before the said Time of Meeting. given under my Hand & Seal at Manchester the 23d. Day of Febry. Anno Domini 1771. Pr. Order of Select Men

N. B. A return of ye above said warrant was made at said Meeting: by Samll Forster Constable of said Manchester } Benja. Kimball Town Clerk

Att a Town Meeting in Manchester Legally warned: & Conven'd on Monday the Eleventh Day of March Anno Domini 1771: in Order to Choose Town Officers: to serve said Town: the Ensing Year: & also to transact other Town Business: agreeable to what is inserted in the preceeding Warrant. 1ly. John Lee Esqr. was Chosen Moderator for said Meeting. 2ly. It was Voted to allow the Committees accompt against the Town: for their Time Trouble & Expence in laying out an high way thro a part of Mr. Procters Farm to ye Towns Landing Place below said Procters House: and also for fixing & securing ye Bounds of said Landing. 3ly. Were Chosen for Wardens the Ensuing year Nehemiah Story senr. & John Bailey. 4ly. Benjamin Kimball was Chosen Town Clerk. 5ly. Chosen for Select-Men Benjamin Kimball: Aaron Lee and Andrew Marsters. 6ly. Chosen Town-Treasurer Ensign Andrew Woodberry. 7ly. Chosen Constable John Edwards Junr. 8ly. Voted to transact the Remainder of the Business to be done at this Meeting by a hand Vote. 9ly. Chosen for Hog-Reeves John Easkoot: John Baker: Israel May: Jonathan Herrick Junr. & Jacob Hooper 10ly. Voted that the Swine go at Large the Ensuing Year being Yok'd and Ring'd as the Law directs. 11ly. Chosen for Haywards Andrew Marsters Stephen Danford Joseph Knight Junr. & Joseph Killam. 12ly. Chosen for Surveyors of Fences John Edwards senr. Stephen Allen Jona. Herrick Junr. and Samuel Foster 13ly. Voted that the Select-Men this Day Chosen Shall be Assessors to Assess

the Town the Year Ensuing. 14ly. Chosen for Tything Men Jeremiah Dow & Ebenezer Lee. 15ly. Chosen for sealer of weights and Measures Thomas Lee. 16ly. Chosen for Sealers & Corders of wood John Tewxbury: Jeremiah Dow: & John Easkoot. [127] 17ly. Chosen for Sealer of Leather Elisha Allen. 18ly. Chosen for Cullers of Fish John Lee Esqr: Daniel Edwards Andrew Marsters Samuel Allen senr. Samll. Forster: Andrew Woodberry John Tewxbury: and Aaron Lee. 19ly. Chosen for Inspector of Deer Jacob Hooper & Benjamin Ober. 20ly. Chosen for Surveyors of Hoops: Staves: Shingles: & Cullers of the same: and Packers of Mackrell John Tewxbury & Obed Carter. 21ly. Chosen for Measurer & Markers of Bords & Timber Thomas Lee: John Cheever: John Edwards senr. & Nathan Lee. 22ly. Chosen for a Pound Keeper Solomon Lee. 23ly. Chosen for Surveyors of high ways John Lee Esqr. Jacob Hooper Andrew Woodberry Stephen Allen: Ezekiel Knowlton & Jonathan Brown. 24ly. Chosen for Metres or Measurers of Grain John Tewxbury & Obed Carter. 25ly. Voted that the assessors this Day Chosen Shall assess the Town by the last years Inventory, and in the following Manner: to level a high way Tax for ye year 1771: Viz to set Each Poll a 4/6 & raise /4 upon the pound on the Estates: & to tax all New Comers into Town and all yt. arrive at sixteen years of Age for their Heads & Estates. 26ly. Voted that Every Man Shall have Liberty to work out his Tax at ye Request of the Surveyor: & that Every Person be allowed 3/ pr Day for his Labour and 3/ pr Day for a Yoke of Oxen. 27ly. Voted that Every Person under the Care of his Respective Surveyor be: And hereby are obliged to do Each his proportionable share of Clearing the high way of Snow: on Penalty of Forfeiting the Sum of Five Shillings for Each Neglect: to be recovered by the Surveyor of the ward. 28ly. Voted that Each surveyor at the Close of the Year Render to the Select Men an account of their surveyorship: and likewise that Each Surveyor work out his Proportion of Money assign'd him by the last of September next. 29ly. was Voted for the Reverend Mr. Toppans [128] Salary the Ensuing Year £50 : 0 : 0. 30ly. Voted for the Reverend

M^{r}. Toppan as a Gift the Ensuing Year £38 : 0 : 0. 31ly. Voted to raise £45 : 0 : 0 for the Maintenance & Support of a Grammar School the Ensuing Year. 32ly. Voted that the Select-men this Day Chosen be a Committee to lay out the aforesaid £45 : 0 : 0 for the use of a Grammar School. 33ly. was Voted £85 : 0 : 0 to Defray the Charges of the Town for the Year Ensuing. 34ly. Voted that the Poor be maintained by ye Select-Men as in years Past: Voted to receive Establish & Confirm the Report of John Allen Andrew Woodberry : & John Tewxbury in their Proceedings in laying out a way from M^{r}. Jacob Allens Barn one Pole & an half wide to the Bridge Called Babbery Marsh Bridge in the Year 1768. 36ly. Voted that the Report made at this Meeting by John Lee Esqr. Stephen Allen Daniel Edwards John Tewxbury & Samuel Forster a Committee impowered by the Select-Men of Manchester to lay out a way thro a Part of Isaac Procters Farm : to the Town Landing Place below said Procters House : and also that the Report of the afors^{d}. Committee who were Constituted & impowered by the Town of Manchester at their Annual Meeting in March 1770 to find stake out & Settle the Bounds of the aforesaid Landing be allowed Established and Confirmed. 37ly. was Voted to give Liberty to M^{r}. Aaron Lee to Erect a Ware House on ye Town Landing by the Meeting House for a number of years: provided he the Said Aaron & the Committee hereafter mentioned Can agree : as to Term : & Consideration. John Lee Esqr. & Richard Day Entered their Dissent against the Thirty seventh Vote. 38ly. was Chosen as a Committee in Behalf of said Town : Andrew Woodberry Jonathan Herrick & Daniel Edwards to agree with Aaron Lee where the aforesaid warehouse shall stand : and what Annual Acknowledgments He shall pay the Town for improving ye said Spot. 39ly. Voted that Deacon Jonathan Herrick was not deserving of what was this Day alledged against him in a libellous abusive Letter Communicated to the Town. After which the said Meeting adjourned to ye Meeting House Friday the 15th. Day of March Ins^{t}. one o'Clock P : M : and then met : where & when was 1ly. Voted that a Number of the Inhabitants of the Town : may if they think proper : Erect Stables for their Horses between the Meeting House & Pound : against which Vote Capt. Sam^{ll}. Lee hath Entered his Dissent in writing & also John Lee Esqr. Andrew Woodberry & Aaron Lee have Entered their Dissent against the said Vote 2ly. The Thanks of the Town were Voted to Dea-

con Jon$^{a.}$ Herrick for his good Services in Time Past: as a Select-Man & as Town Treasurer. 3ly. Voted that John Edwards Jun$^{r.}$ draw in Labour: the Sum of Twenty Shillings Lawfull Money from Each Surveyor: of y^{e} high ways to be by him laid out: in Erecting a wall to prevent future Damage to the Town Landing by the Tide. 4ly. Chosen for a Committee to seat the Meeting-House John Edwards Jun$^{r.}$ John Tewxbury Deacon John Allen Nehemiah Story: Benjamin Ober: Benj$^{a.}$ Craft Doctor Joseph Whipple Eleazer Craft & Benjamin Kimball. 5ly. Voted that Daniel Edwards be: and hereby is appointed & impowered by Said Town: to sue for & recover a Fine of 5/ from anyone Behaving disorderly or refusing to take his seat.

[129] Essex s.s. To M$^{r.}$ John Edwards Constable of the Town of Manchester — Greeting — In his Majesties Name you are hereby required forthwith to notifie and warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Manchester: that have an Estate of Freehold in Land within this Province: or Territory of Forty Shilings p$^{r.}$ Annum, at the Least: or other Estate: to the Value of Forty Pounds Sterling: to Assemble at the Meeting-House: in said Manchester on Wednesday the Twenty Second Day of May Instant: at Seven o'Clock in the Morning of s$^{d.}$ Day: Then & There to Elect: and depute one or more Person: or Persons: being Freeholders: and Resident in the same Town to serve for & represent us: in a great and general Court: or assembly: appointed to be Convened held and kept for his Majesties Service at Harvard College in Cambridge upon Wednesday the Twenty Ninth Day of this Instant May. Hereof fail not and Make Return of this Your Warrant: and your Doings therein unto myself: at or before the said Time of Meeting.

A Return of the above warrant was made at the Time prefixed therein by John Edwards Con-t$^{ble.}$ of Manch$^{r.}$ } Pr. Order of the Select-Men Benjamin Kimball Town Clerk

Att a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Manchester Legally warned and Convened on Wednesday the Twenty second Day of May Anno Domini 1771: in Order to Choose one or more Persons to serve for & represent us at a great & general Court to be Convened & held for his Majesties Service at Harvard College in Cambridge ye Ensuing Year was firstly Voted whether said Town would send any Person to Represent Them at the above Mentioned

Court: and it was at said meeting Voted not to send any Person or Persons to represent ye Said Town of Manchester at the aforesaid Court in the Year 1771.

Att a Town Meeting in Manchester Legally warned and Convened on Monday the First Day of July: Anno Domini 1771: in Order to Choose Two Jury-men to serve at the next Inferior Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Salem on the second Tuesday of July Instant, was draughted to serve at the aforesaid Court: Moses Dodge: and John Easkoot.

Att a Town Meeting in Manchester legally warned and Convened on Monday the Twenty-Eighth Day of October Anno Domini 1771. In order to Choose Two Jury-Men for the Superiour Court to be holden at Salem in the County of Essex on the first Tuesday of November next. 1ly. Chosen for a Grand Juror Andrew Marsters. 2ly. Chosen to serve as a Petit Juror Joseph Knight sen^r.

Att a Town Meeting in Manchester legally warned and Convened on Monday the ninth Day of December Anno Domini 1771: to Choose Jury men for Salem Court. Firstly was Chosen to serve as Grand Jury man for the Year Ensuing Benjamin Craft. Secondly Chosen to serve as Petit Jurors at the said Court Nathan Lee: & Samuel Driver.

Essex s.s. To M^r. John Edwards Junr. Constable of the Town of Manchester — Greeting — You are hereby required in his Majesties Name forthwith to notifie and warn: all the Freeholders: and other Inhabitants: of the Town of Manchester: that have an Estate of Freehold in Land within this Province: or Territories: of Forty shillings p^r. Annum at the Least: or other Estate to the Value of Fifty Pounds Sterling to Assemble at the Meeting House in said Manchester on Monday the ninth Day of March next at [130] Eight of the Clock in the Morning of said Day: Then and There to Choose a Moderator: for said Meeting: and to Make Choice of Wardens: Select-Men: Town Clerk: Town Treasurer: Constable: and all other Town Officers; agreeable to the Direction of the Law. And to agree upon granting such sum or sums of Money: as Shall or may be thought necessary for the Relief of the Poor: and defraying all other necessary Charges arising within said Town. To see what Method the Town shall think most Expedient to defray the Charge that has unexpectedly arisen on the high-ways: in M^r. Jacob Hoopers Ward: in the Course of the past Year. To see

whether the Town will Ring the Bell at nine in the Evening for one Year Ensuing: if a person suitable to Ring: can be procured. Whether the Town are disposed to build a wind Mill in Order to prevent: the Exportation of Corn so detrimental to the Town. Likewise whether the Town will not Conclude upon Measures different from those heretofore taken respecting the Poor: who are Continually increasing among us. To see if the Town will determine upon something respecting the Burying Yard: on Consideration that Those: who are Called to follow their Deceased Friends to the Grave may be delivered from those Briers which have: and yet do Encumber such Followers. And Lastly to make Choice of a Committee to seat the Meeting-House. Hereof fail not: and make Return of this Warrant: and your Doings thereon at your Peril: unto myself at on or before the said Time of Meeting: given under my hand and seal at Manchester ye Eighteenth Day of February Anno Domini 1772

A return of the foregoing war^t.^ was made at the Time of said meeting by Jno. Edwards Constable

By order of the Select Men
Benjamin Kimball Town Clerk

[131] Att a Town Meeting in Manchester Legally warned: and Assembled at the Meeting-House in said Manch^r.^ on Monday the ninth Day of March Anno Domini 1772: in Order to Choose Town Officers: to serve said Town the Ensuing Year: and further to transact what other Business is inserted in the above or foregoing warrant. 1ly. was Chosen for a Moderator: Deacon Jonathan Herrick. 2ly. Voted not to accept or allow any abatements made by the Select-Men to Constables Aaron Lee: Obed Carter: and Samuel Forster on account of Vessels taxed which are owned out of Town 3ly. Voted that a Demand be made on Mr. John Morse of Beverly to satisfy and pay the Town of Manchester what Cost and Charges said Town has been at: in Times past on acct. of his Daughter Jane Morse and her Children. 4ly. Chosen for Wardens the Ensuing Year Joseph Day^s^ and Joseph Killam^s^ 5ly. Chosen for a Town Clerk the Ensuing Year Benjamin^s^ Kimball. 6ly Chosen for Select-Men Jonathan^s^ Herrick Andrew Marsters^s^ & Benj^a.^ Kimball^s^ 7ly. Chosen for Town Treasurer the Ensuing Year Samuel Forster. 8ly. Chosen for a Constable the Ensuing Year Nehemiah

Story sen^{r}. 9ly. Voted that the Remainder of the Business to be done at this Meeting be transacted by a hand Vote. 10ly. Voted that the Select-men this Day Chosen be a Committee to advise with an attorney: Respecting the Taxation of out Town Vessels: and also to take advice on the account of Jane Morse: and to prosecute the same if need be 11ly. was Chosen for Hog-Reves the Ensuing Year Nathaniel Lee sen^{r}. Aaron Bray John Bailey Joseph Knight sen^{r}. Richard Day: & Benjamin Craft 12ly Voted that swine go at Large the Ensuing [132] Year being Yoked and Ring'd agreeable to the Directions of the Law. 13ly. Chosen for haywards the Ensuing Year William Badcock sen^{r}. Jon^{a}. Herrick sen^{r}.: Stephen Danford: Jon^{a} Brown & Jacob Hooper sen^{r}. 14ly. Chosen for surveyors of Fences the Ensuing Year John Edwards Senr. Stephen Allen: Jonathan Herrick Junr.: and Samuel Forster 15ly. Chosen for Tything Men Nehemiah Lee: and Benjamin Ober 16ly. Chosen for Sealer of Weights: and Measures Lieut. Thomas Lee. 17ly Chosen for Sealers & Corders of Wood the Ensuing Year Jeremiah Dow John Tewxbury Jacob Hooper and Eleazer Craft. 18ly. Chosen for Sealer of Leather Elisha Allen. 19ly. Chosen for Cullers of Fish John Lee Esqr.: Daniel Edwards: Aaron Lee Andrew Marsters: John Tewxbury: Andrew Woodberry: Samuel Forster: John Edwards Junr: and Benjamin Kimball. 20ly Chosen for Inspector of Deer: Jacob Hooper & Benjamin Ober. 21ly. Chosen for Surveyors and Cullers of Hoops: Staves: Shingles: Clapboards: and Packers of Mackrell: John Tewxbury: & Obed Carter. 22ly. Chosen for Measurers and Markers of Bords: and Timber: John Cheever Nathan Lee: Joseph Killam: and Jacob Hooper Junr. 23ly Chosen for a Pound Keeper the Ensuing Year. Solomon Lee. 24ly Chosen for Surveyors of High-Ways Ezekiel Knowlton: Jonathan Brown: Jacob Hooper: Andrew Woodberry: Samuel Forster and Stephen Allen. 25ly. Chosen for Metres & Measurers of Grain: John Tewxbury & Obed Carter. 24ly. Voted that the Select-Men this Day Chosen shall assess ye Town ye Year Ensuing. 25ly. Voted that the Assessors this Day Chosen shall assess the Town by the

Last Years Inventory in Levelling the high way Tax for the Year 1772: and in the following Manner Viz to set Each Poll a Three Shillings & nine Pence and raise four Pence upon ye Estates on ye Pound. 26ly. Voted that Each Surveyor be Collector of Taxes in his own Ward: & that only. 27ly Voted that the Twenty sixth: Twenty-Seventh: & Twenty Eighth Votes: which were passed at the Towns Annual Meeting: in March 1771: Respecting the high ways: and Every Clause and Article in said Votes Contained remain & abide in full Force and Virtue for the Year 1772. 28ly Voted for M^r. Toppans Covenanted Salary the Ensuing Year £50. 0. 0. 29ly Voted for M^r. Toppan as a Gift the Ensuing Year £40. 0. 0 30ly. Voted to defray the Charge of a Grammar School ye Ensuing Year £45. 0. 0 31ly Voted that the Select-Men this Day Chosen be a Committee to dispose of the Money raised for a Grammar School the Ensuing Year. 32ly Voted that the Inhabitants of Kettle-Cove have the School kept at s^d. Cove such a Part of the Ensuing Year as their Tax Entitles Them to. 33ly Voted to Defray Town Charges the Ensuing year £120. 0. 0. 34ly Voted that M^r. Jacob Tewxbury have the use and Improvement of the Burying-Yard free and Clear of Rent untill he shall accomplish the Destruction of Briars growing in said Yard; provided from this Time he makes use of his best Endeavours for so doing. 35ly Voted for a Committee to seat the Meeting-House John Lee Esqr. Deacon Jonathan Herrick: Daniel Edwards: Andrew Marsters: John Tewxbury: Doctor Joseph Whipple: Aaron Lee Sam^ll. Forster Benjamin Kimball: Jacob Hooper: Eleazer Craft: Jonathan Brown Deacon John Allen Andrew Woodberry Benjamin Ober & John Edwards Junr. 36ly Voted that M^r. Daniel Edwards together with the Major Part or any Three of the aforesaid Committee: be and hereby are impowered by said Town to prosecute Every Person refusing to take his Seat; or intruding into ye Seat of others. and also that Every Person: behaving disorderly be and hereby are subjected to a Fine of Five Shillings Lawfull Money. 37ly. Voted that the Assessors this [133] Day Chosen allow and assign unto John Edwards Junr. the sum of £6 : 0 : 0 out of the Money raised for the high-ways in order to repair the Bank below the Town Landing. When said Meeting was adjourned to the house of Deacon John allens to March ye 13th Instant two of the o'Clock afternoon when and where was 1ly Chosen for a hog Reve ye Year Ensuing Andrew Marsters 2ly. Chosen for Measurer and Marker of Bords and Tim-

ber John Tewxbury. Then adjourned to the house of Deacon John allens on the 16th Day of March Instant: and then met when and where was Voted 1ly. That the Two hind Seats in the Meeting-house in the Body of seats below: be Converted into a seat for singers at ye Expense of ye Town. 2ly. Chosen for a Committee to see that said Singing Seat be finished and Compleated Eleazer Craft: Jonathan Brown & Benja Kimball. Essex s.s.

To Mr. Nehemiah Story Constable of the Town of Manchester —Greeting:—In his Majesties Name You are hereby required forthwith to notifie and warn all the Freeholders: and other Inhabitants of the Town of Manchester that have an Estate of Freehold in Land within this province or Territory of Forty Shillings pr. Annum at the Least: or other Estate to the Value of Forty Pounds Sterling to assemble at the Meeting House in said Manchr. on Monday the Twenty-Fifth Day of May Inst. at six o'Clock in the Morning. Then and there to Elect and depute one or more person or persons being Freeholders and resident in the same Town to represent us at a great and General Court: to be holden at Harvard College in Cambridge upon Wednesday The Twenty seventh Inst. And further to see whether the Town will grant Mr. George Norton a Spot on the Town Landing to Erect an house for a Certain Number [134] of Years he making an Annual Consideration for the same: Fail not & make return of this warrant unto myself at or before sd. Time of meeting.

By order of Select-men

A Return of the above said warrant was made at said meeting by Nehemiah Story Constable of Manchester } Benja Kimball T: Clerk Manchester 14th May 1772

Att a Town meeting in Manchester Legally warned and Convened on Monday the Twenty Fifth Day of May Anno Domini, one Thousand Seven hundred and seventy Two: to Choose one or more Persons to represent us at a great and General Court to be Convened and held for his Majesties service: at Harvard College in Cambridge the Ensuing Year. When and where it was Voted in the Negative not to send any Person to represent said Town at the aforesaid Court. Then was Chosen firstly Jonathan Herrick senr. Moderator for the remaining Business to be done at said Meeting. Secondly Voted that Mr. George Norton have Liberty to set an house or shed on the Town Landing between Aaron Lees Ware-

House & the Mill Bridge for the space of Ten Years provided he Erect the same within Two Years from this Date and allow the Rent annually that Shall be prefixed by the Committee to set off said Spot to said Norton. Thirdly Chosen a Committee to agree with Mr. Norton & let him ye said spot Jacob Hooper: Andrew Marsters and Jonathan Brown.

Att a Town Meeting in Manchester Legally warned & Convened on Monday the sixth Day of July Anno Domini 1772: In Order to Choose Two Jury-men to serve at the next inferior Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Salem: on the second Tuesday of July Instant was Draughted to serve at the Court aforesaid Mr. Eleazer Craft: & Mr. Ezekiel Cheever. Att a Town-Meeting in Manchester Legally warned & Convened on Monday the Twelfth Day of October: Anno Domini 1772. In Order to Choose Two Jury-Men: for the Superior Court: to be holden at Salem: in the County of Essex: on the First Tuesday of November next. Firstly was Chosen Aaron Lee to serve on the Grand Jury secondly was Chosen Isaac Procter to serve on the Petit Jury. Att a Town-Meeting in Manchester legally warned & Convened on Monday the Twenty First Day of December Anno Domini 1772 to Choose Jury men for Salem Court. Firstly was Chosen to serve as a Grand-Jury man for the year Ensuing Nehemiah Lee. Secondly Chosen to serve as petit Jurors at the Court aforesaid Andrew Lee & Nathaniel Lee Junr.

Essex. s.s: To Mr. Nehemiah Story Constable of the Town of Manchester Greeting In his Majesties Name you are hereby required: forthwith to Notifie and warn all the Freeholders: & other Inhabitants of the Town of Manchester that have an Estate of Freehold in Land: within this province: or Territorys of Forty Shillings pr. Annum at the Least: or other Estate to the Value of Fifty pounds Sterling: to assemble at the Meeting-House in said Manchester on Monday the Fifteenth Day of March next Ensuing the Date hereof: at Eight of the Clock in the Morning of said Day. Then and there to Choose a Moderator for said Meeting: and to make Choice of Wardens: Select-Men: Town Clerk: Town Treasurer: Constable: and all other Town Officers as the Law directs. And to agree upon Granting such Sum or Sums of Money as Shall or may be supposed needfull for the Relief of the poor and defraying [135] all other Charges necessarily arising within said Town. And further once more to see whether the Town will Consult

some Measures whereby the maintenance of the Poor may become Less Expensive than formerly. Lastly to make Choice of a Grand Juryman having a Real Estate of Forty-Shillings per Annum: or a personal Estate worth Fifty pounds to serve at the Court of general Sessions of the Peace, to be holden at Ipswich for: and in said County of Essex on the last Tuesday of March next: and at the Several Courts of general Sessions of the peace successively to be holden in and for said County for one year next Ensuing the Date hereof. Hereof Fail not and make Return of this warrant and your Doings thereon unto myself: on or before the Said Time of Meeting: given under my hand: and Seal: at Manchester: this Twenty seventh Day Febr^{y}. Anno Domini 1773.

A Return of the above warrant was made at the Time above prefixed: by M^{r}. Nehemiah Story Constable of Manchester. } By Order of the Select-Men Benjamin Kimball Town-Clerk

Att a Town Meeting in Manchester Legally warn'd and assembled at the Meeting-house in said Manchester on Monday the Fifteenth Day of March Anno Domini 1773: In Order to Choose Town officers to serve said Town ye Ensuing Year: and to transact all other Business mentioned in the foregoing warrant.

1ly. was Chosen Moderator for Said Meeting John Tewxbury. 2ly. Chosen for wardens the Ensuing Year Nathaniel Lee sen^{r}. & Ebenezer Lee. 3ly. Chosen for a Town Clerk the Ensuing year Benjamin Kimball. 4ly. Chosen for Select-Men Benj^{a}. Kimball: Aaron Lee and Jacob [136] Hooper 5ly. Chosen for a Town Treasurer John Tewxbury. 6ly. Chosen for Constable: Andrew Marsters and paid a Fine of Five pounds 7ly. Chosen for Constable: Isaac Procter sen^{r}. & paid a Fine of Five pounds 8ly. Chosen for Constable: Eleazar Craft and paid a Fine of Five Pounds 9ly. Chosen for Constable the Ensuing Year Jonathan Brown. 10ly. Voted that the Remaining Business of this Meeting be done by a hand Vote. 11ly. Chosen for Hog-Reves Samuel Allen Senr. Jacob Tewxsbury William Brown Jonathan Brown Andrew Hooper & Samuel Allen Junr. 12ly. Voted y^{t}. Swine go at Large being Yoked & Ring'd according to Law. 13ly Chosen for Haywards Joseph Killam Andrew Allen Jacob Hooper Junr. and Benjamin

Ober. 14ly. Chosen for Surveyor of Fences the Ensuing year Benjamin Ober: John Allen Senr. Jacob Hooper sen^{r}. and Jonathan Herrick Senr. 15ly. Chosen for Tything Men Nathan Lee and Joseph Killam 16ly. Chosen for sealer of weights & Measures Lieut. Thomas Lee 17ly. Chosen for Corders of wood the Ensuing year John Tewxsbury Jeremiah Dow sen^{r}. Jacob Hooper sen^{r}. & Eleazer Craft. 18ly. Chosen for Sealer of Leather Elisha Allen. 19ly. Chosen for Cullers of Fish John Lee Esqr. Andrew Marsters Aaron Lee Sam^{ll}. Forster John Edwards John Tewxsbury & Andrew Woodberry. 20ly. Chosen for Inspecter of Deer Benjamin Ober & Jacob Hooper sen^{r}. 21ly. Chosen for surveyor of Hoops: Shingles: Staves: and packers of Mackrell John Tewxsbury and Obed Carter. 22ly. Chosen for Measurers & Markers of Bords & Timber John Cheever Nathan Lee Joseph Killam: and Jacob Hooper Junr. 23ly. Chosen for a pound Keeper the Ensuing year Solomon Lee 24ly Chosen for Surveyors of high ways Andrew Woodberry Jonathan Brown Ezekiel Knowlton Samuel Forster Joseph Knight Junr. and Stephen Allen. 25ly. Chosen for Measurers or Metres of Grain Jno. Tewxbury & Obed Carter 26ly. Voted that the Select-Men this Day Chosen: be Assessors: to assess y^{e}. Town the Year Ensuing. 27ly. Voted that the Assessors this Day Chosen Assess the Inhabitants Three Shillings upon the Poll: and Four pence upon the pound on Estates for Repair of highways said Assessment to be made by the Last Years Inventory. 28ly. Voted that Each: and Every Surveyor of the high ways be Collector of his Tax: in his own Ward. 29ly. Voted for M^{r}. Toppans Covenanted Salary y^{e}. Ensuing Year Fifty Pounds. 30ly. Voted as a Gift for M^{r}. Toppan ye Ensuing Year Forty Pounds including Ten Cord of wood. 31ly. Voted to raise for the use of a Grammar School ye Ensuing year: Forty Five pound. 32ly. Voted that the Select-Men this Day Chosen be a Committee to lay ont the Money Voted for the nse of a Grammar School. 33ly. Voted to defray Town Charges The Ensuing year Eighty pounds. 34ly. Voted for a Grand Jury man the Ensuing Year Nehemiah Lee. 35ly. Voted that the Treasurer of the

Town Receive into his Custody Mr. Toppans Bonds: & Notes: & see that the Monies Mentioned Therein be Constantly kept out at use for the Benefit of the Said Mr. Toppan: 36ly. Voted that the Select Men be a Committee to make a Demand on John and Robert Perry: for their Father perrys Support. 37ly. Voted to give Joseph Killam Forty Shillings Lawfull Money to Ring the Bell Every night: at nine o'Clock the Ensuing Year. 38ly. Voted that all those persons Concerned in drying Fish to out Town Vessels: pay their Respective Taxes on said Vessels in said Town of Manchr. for the past Year: and further that the said [137] Vessels be hence forward Excused from paying Taxes in said Town of Manchester. Essex s.s. To Mr. Jonathan Brown Constable of the Town of Manchester—Greeting—In his Majesties Name you are hereby required forthwith to notifie and warn all ye Freeholders: & other Inhabitants of the Town of Manchester that have an Estate of Free hold in Land within this province or Territory of Forty shillings pr. annum at the Least: or other Estate to the Value of Forty pounds Sterling to assemble at the Meeting-House in said Manchester on Thursday the Twentieth Day of May Inst. at six o'Clock in the Morning Then & There to Elect and depute: one or more person or persons being Freeholders: and Resident in the same Town: to serve for: and Represent us: at a great: & general Court or Assembly: appointed to be Convened: held and kept for his Majesties Service: at the Town House in Boston upon Wednesday The Twenty sixth Day of this Inst. May—Hereof Fail not & make Return of this warrant at or before the said Time of Meeting. Given under my hand and Seal at Manchester ye 10th. Day of May in the Thirteenth year of his Majesties Reign Domini 1773.

A Return of ye above warrant was made at said meeting pr Jonathan Brown Constable of Manchester

By order of Select-Men
Benja. Kimball Town Clerk

Att a Town-Meeting in Manchester: Legally warned and the Inhabitants being Assembled on the Twentieth Day of May Anno Domini 1773: in order to make Choice of a Representative for said Town at a great and general Court or assembly to be holden at Boston on Wednesday the Twenty Sixth Day of this Instant May: Firstly: put to Vote whether The Town should send a Representative: and Voted in the Negative not to send any person. Att a

Town Meeting in Manchester Legally warned & Convened on Monday the Fifth Day of July Anno Domini 1773: To Choose Two Jury-men to serve at the next inferiour Court of Common pleas to be holden at Salem on ye second Tuesday of July Inst. Then was Draughted to serve as Jury men at the Court aforesaid Mr Willm. Tarring and M^r^. John Baker. Att a Town Meeting in Manchester Legally warned & Convened on Monday: the Twenty Fifth Day of October Anno Domini: 1773, in order to Choose Two Jury men for the Superiour Court to be holden at Salem in the County of Essex: on the First Tuesday of November next. Firstly was Chosen to serve at said Court on the Grand Jury Deacon John Allen: Secondly was Chosen to serve on the petit Jury at the aforesaid Court M^r^. Andrew Hooper.

Att a Town Meeting in Manchester Legally warned & Convened the Twintieth Day of December Anno Domini 1773: to Choose Jury men for Salem Court. Firstly was Chosen for Juryman: James Lee. Secondly was Chosen Joseph Killam.

Essex s.s. To M^r^. Jonathan Brown Constable of the Town of Manchester — Greeting — Whereas a Number of Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Manchester have made Application unto Jacob Hooper Aaron Lee and Benj^a^. Kimball Select-Men of said Town for the Calling a Town Meeting Whereby said Freeholders & Inhabitants may have an Opportunity of spreading their aggrieved Circumstances before the Town as set Forth in their Petition to the said Select Men preferred on the Twenty First Day of [139] January Anno Domini one Thousand seven hundred and Seventy Four. These are in his Majesties Name to will and Require you forthwith to Notifie and warn All the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Manchester Legally Qualified for Voting in Town Meetings to assemble at the Meeting house in said Manch^r^ on Monday the Fourteenth Day of February next at Two o'Clock in the Afternoon Then and there agreeable to the aforementioned aggrieved Partys Request to Enquire the Reason of the Late new Tax being made. 2ly. To know the reasons why the Rich Mens Rates run so Low and the poors so high. To put to Vote any Thing Else that may be thought for the Advantage of said Town: And Then and there to Choose a Moderator for said Meeting. To have Brought and Laid before the Town The First and second Inventory with the First & second Rate Lists. 5ly. To obtain Reasons if possible why Two Rate Lists were given out

for the year one Thousand seven hundred and seventy Three. Hereof Fail not and make Return of this Warrant with your Doings Thereon at or before the said Time of Meeting.

Dated at Manchester Jany 29 : 1774

N. B. Return of this warrant was made at y^{e} Time herein prefixed by Jon$^{a.}$ Brown Constable

By order of the Select-Men
Benj^{a}. Kimball Town Clerk

Att a Town-Meeting in Manchester Warned and Convened on Monday the Fourteenth Day of March Anno Domini 1774 for the purposes Mentioned in the foregoing Warrant. Firstly was Chosen for a Moderator Nathaniel Lee Senr. Secondly Voted that the Two Inventorys and Two Rate Lists Be Brought and Laid before the Town. Thirdly Voted that Kimballs Saying he knew of but one Tax for seventeen hundred & seventy Three was not satisfactory to the People. Fourthly voted that neither of the Taxes made in 1773 shall stand being so illegal. Fifthly voted that the Fourth Vote be null void and of none Effect. Sixthly Voted that the First Tax made in 1773 shall stand proper abatements thereon being made. Seventhly voted that the second Rate List now in the hands of Constable Jonathan Brown : be recalled : and that the First Rate List be Committed to said Constable to Collect.

Essex s.s. To M^{r}. Jonathan Brown Constable of the Town of Manchester — Greeting — in his Majesties Name you are hereby required forthwith to Notify and Warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants : of the Town of Manchester Legally qualified for Voting in Town-Meetings to Assemble at the Meeting House in said Manchester on Monday the seventh Day of March Next : at Eight of the Clock in the Morning of said day : then and there to Make Choice of a Moderator for said Meeting : and also to Make Choice of Wardens : select-men : Assors : Town Clerk : Town Treasurer : Constable : and all other Town officers : as the Law directs. and to agree upon granting such sum or sums of Money as shall or May be supposed needfull for the Relief of the poor of said Town : & for the defraying every other Charge Necessarily arising within the same. and to see if the Town will Lay out a way through the Neck to the Neck-Beach : and Further to take under Consideration the present Circumstances of William Jones. to Make Choice of a Grand Juryman having a Real Estate of forty shillings pr. Annum or a personal Estate worth fifty Pounds to serve at the Court of

General Sessions of the Peace to be holden at Ipswich in and for said County of Essex on the Last Tuesday of March Next and at the several Courts of general sessions of the Peace successively to be holden in and for said County for one year Next Ensuing [140] also to know the minds of the Town wether Vessels own,d in Town and out of Town shall pay Taxes to the High-way or not, and Also wether said Vessels shall pay Taxes to their Value according to money at Intrest: and Lastly to know what p^{r}. Ct. shall be Laid on all Trading stock that goes through any mans hands for one year and to be rated accordingly. Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant and your doings thereon unto myself on or before the said Time of Meeting Given under my hand and seal at manchester this Fourteenth day of February anno: Domini 1774

N. B. Return of the above warrant was made at the Time herein prefixt by Jon^{a}. Brown Constable.

By order of the Select-men
Benj^{a}. Kimball Town Clerk

Att a Town Meeting in Manchester Legally Warned and Convened on Monday the seventh day of March 1774 at the Meeting-house in said Manchester: In order to Choose Town officers to serve the Town the Ensuing year: and to transact all other Town Business Mentioned in the foregoing Warrant 1ly. was Chosen Moderator for said Meeting Deacon Jonathan Herrick 2ly. Choosen for Warrdens Aaron Lee^{s} & Eleazer Craft^{s}. 3ly. Choosen Town Clerk John Tewxbury. 4ly. Choosen for select-men Jonathan Herrick s^{n}. Andrew Woodberry and John Tewxbury. 5ly. Choosen for Town Treasurer John Tewxbury^{s}. 6ly. Choosen for Constable and Collector Samuel Allen^{s} Junr. 7ly. Voted that the Remaining Business of this Meeting: be done by a hand Vote 8ly. Choosen for Hog-Reves Nathaniel Harskel^{s}: Benj^{a}. Harskell^{s}: Stephen Danford^{s}: Richard Day^{s} Joseph Day^{s} & And^{w}. Hooper^{s} 9ly. Choosen for Grand Jury-man John Cheever 10ly. Voted that Hogs go at Large being yoaked & Ringed according to Law. 11ly. Choosen for Haywards Joseph Killum^{s}: Jacob Hooper^{s} sen^{r}. Ezekiel Knowlton^{s} and Andrew Lee^{s} 12ly. Choosen Surveyors of Fences Jacob Hooper^{s} sen^{r}. John Cheever^{s} and William Brown^{s}. 13ly. Choosen for Tything-men [141] Ebenezer Lee^{s} & Jonathan Allen^{s} Junr. 14ly. Choosen for

Sealer of Weights and Measures John Cheever 15ly. Choosen for Corders of wood John Tewxbury Jeremiah Dow: Eleazer Craft Jacob Hooper Senr. 16ly. Choosen for sealer of Leather Elisha Allen. 17ly. Choosen for Cullers of Fish John Lee Esqr.: Andrew Marsters: Aaron Lee: Samuel Forster: John Edwards John Tewxbury and Andrew Woodbury: 18ly. Choosen for Inspectors of Deer: Benj^{a}. Ober Jacob Hooper S^{n}. 19ly. Choosen for Cullers of Hoops & Staves and packers of Fish John Tewxbury and Obed Carter. 20ly. Choosen for Measurers and Markers of Boards Timber and Cullers of Clapboards and Shingles: John Cheever Nathan Lee William Brown and Joseph Killam. 21ly. Choosen for Pound Keeper Jonathan Brown 22ly Choosen for Measurers of Grain John Tewxbury: Jacob Tewxbury and Obed Carter: 23ly. Clerks of the Market Jonathan Brown Eliazer Craft John Baker and Samuel Foster. 24ly. Chosen surveyors of High ways Andrew Woodberry. Jonathan Brown Jonathan Herrick Junr. Jonathan Allen J^{n}. and Joseph Knight Junr. 25ly. Voted that the Select-men this day Chosen shall be Assors the Ensuing year. 26 Voted that the Assessors this day Chosen shall assess the Inhabitants of the Town: three shillings upon the Poll: and two Pence upon the Pound on the Income of Estates: to defray the Charges of Mending the high-ways: the Ensuing year. 27ly. Voted that the surveyors this day Chosen shall be Collectors of Taxes in his own Ward. 28ly. Voted for M^{r}. Toppans Covenanted Salary fifty Pounds 29ly. Voted to M^{r}. Toppan as a Gift Forty Pounds. 30ly. Voted for a Grammar School forty five Pounds. 31ly. Voted that the Select men this day Chosen be a Committee to Lay out the Money [142] Voted for the use of a Grammar Choole 32ly. Voted to defray Town Charges the Ensuing year Ninty five Pounds. 34ly. Voted that the select men be a Committee to Lay out a way from the widow Hannah Drivers House to the Neck Gate. 35ly. Voted that the Select-men be a Committee to Treat with the Proprietors of the Neck Land: and see what they will Take for a way through their Land to the Neck Beach and make Return at May Meeting Next. 36ly. Chosen for Constable the Ensuing year Jonathan

Brown 37ly. Voted that Doctor Joseph Whipple have Twenty shillings of old Perrys account. 38ly. Voted that select-men have no pay for making the second Taxes. 39ly. Voted that the wall below the Town Landing: be Extended to the Town Warf. 40ly. Voted that Jonathan Brown have paid him out of the Treasury Eight Pounds for Building the Town Bridge. Essex s.s.

To Mr. Jonathan Brown Constable of the Town of Manchester —Greeting—In his Majesties Name you are Hereby required forthwith to Notify and warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Town of Manchester that have an Estate of free hold in Lands within this province or Territorys of forty shillings pr. annum at the Least: or other Estate to the Value of Forty Pounds sterling: to Assemble at the Meeting House in said Manchester on Monday the Twenty third day of May Instant: at six o'Clock in the Morning: then and their to Elect and depute one or more person or persons being free holders and Resident in the same Town to Represent us at a great and General Court to be holden at Boston upon Wensday the Twenty fifth day of May Instant: also to take into Consideration a Letter from the Committee of Correspondence of Boston hereof fail Not and make Return with your doings thereon to myself before the time of said Meeting.

A Return of the above Warrant was made before the said Meeting by Jonathan Brown Constable. } By order of the Selectmen of Manchester John Tewxbury T. Clerk

Att a Town Meeting in Manchester Legally warned and Convened on Monday the twenty third day of May 1774 to make Choice of one or more persons to represent us at a great and General Court to be holden at Boston on Wednesday the twenty fifth day of May Instant and also to take into Consideration a Letter from the Committee of Correspondence of the Town of Boston. 1ly. Voted Deacon Jonathan Herrick Modrator for said Meeting 2ly. Voted Not to send any person to Represent us at said Court 3ly. Doctor Joseph Whipple Capt. Andrew Marsters Capt. Andrew Woodberry Capt. Samuel Foster Mr. John Edwards and John Tewxbury was Chosen a Committee [143] to take into Consideration the said foregoing Letter and to draw up some thing to be Laid before the Town at their Meeting by adjournment, and then the Modrator was pleased to Adjourn the Meeting to Fryday the third day of June 1774. and then Mett and Excepted the Committees

Report. and Doctor Joseph Whipple Capt. Andrew Marsters Mr. Andrew Woodberry & John Tewxbury was Chosen a Committee of Correspondence with the Town of Boston. Voted that the Committee Now Chose Transmit to the Committee of the Town of Boston a Coppy of the above said Committees Report and then the meeting was Desolved. Att a Town Meeting in Manchester on Monday the thirteenth day of June 1774. (after Leagel warning) met to Choose two Jurymen to serve at the Next Inferior Court of Common pleas to be holden at Salem on the second Tuesday of July Next. then was Drawn out to serve at the said Court Mr. John Bailey. and Mr. Noah Dodge. Att a Town Meeting in Manchester Leagally warned and met together on Monday the twenty second day of August 1774 1ly. Mr. Andrew Woodberry was Chosen Moderator for sd. Meeting 2ly. Voted unanimously that if any damage should arise from said Meeting that the Town will defend the same and suport all Charges that shall arise therefrom. 3dly. Voted to send Delligates to the County Congress. 4thly. Voted that Each Delligate shall have for there Servise Eight shillings pr. Day. 5thly. Voted to send three Men to Represent us at a County Congress. 6thly. Voted and Chosen John Lee Esqr. Capt. Andrew Marsters and Mr. Andrew Woodberry Delligates to Represent, us at a County Congress to be holden at Ipswich in the County of Essex and then the Moderator was Pleased to dsolve the Meeting.

Essex ss.

To Jonathan Brown Constable of Manchester—Greeting—In his Majesties Name you are required forthwith to Notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Manchester that have an Estate of Freehold in Land within this Province or Territory of forty shillings per annum at the Least or other Estate to the Value of forty shillings Sterling. to Assemble at the Meeting House in said Manchester on thursday the twenty second day of september Instant at four o'clock in the after Noon: then & there to Chose one or More Person or Persons (being freeholders and Resident in the same Town) to serve for and Represent them [144] at a great and Genarel Court to be held at Salem on Wednesday the fifth day of October Next. and likewise to see if the Town will reconsider a former Vote that the selectmen for the year 1773 should not be paid for making their second Rate list

Manchester 15th 1774 John Tewxbury T. Clerk

By order of the Select-men

Att a Town Meeting in Manchester on thursday the twenty second day of september Anno: Domini: 1774 Legally warned and Met agreeable to the foregoing Warrant in order to Chose one or more Person or Persons to Represent us at Great and General Court to be holden at Salem on Wensday the fifth day of october Next. 1ly. Mr. Andrew Woodberry was Chosen Moderator for said Meeting 2ly. was put to Vote Wether the Town would send a Representative which passed in the affirmative to send one. 3ly. Was Chosen for a Representative Mr. Andrew Woodberry. 4ly. Voted in Case the General Court should be desolved, that the Representative this day Chosen shall be a Delligate to Represent the Town at a Provincial Congress. 5ly. was put to Vote wether the Town would reconsider a former Vote that the Select-men for the year 1773 should not be paid for making their second Rate List, which Pass'd in the Negative. and then the Meeting was adjourned without day.

Att a Town Meeting in Manchester on thursday the sixth Day of october 1774 by Adjournment in order to receive the Votes of the Freeholders of said Town for a County Register in the Room of John Higginson Esqr. dec: Which ware accordingly Received sealed up and sent to the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Essex, and the meeting Adjourn'd without Day.

Att a Town Meeting in Manchester on Monday the 21 day of November 1774. by Adjournment in order to Chose two Jurymen to serve at the Next Inferiour Court to be holden at Salem on the last Tuesday of December Next. When Mr. William Hooper and Mr. Jonathan Procter ware drawn out to serve at the above said Court. and Likewise to see if the Town will Indemnify Constable Jonathan Brown for not paying Harrison Gray Esqr. Treasurer of the Province: What of the Province Money he has in his hands. 1ly. Voted that Constable Jonathan Brown shall not pay Treasurer Gray What of the Province Money he has in his hands 2ly. Voted to Indemnify Constable Jonathan Brown for not paying Treasurer Gray What of the Province Money he has in his hands. 3ly. Voted that Constable Jonathan Brown shall keep What of the Province Money he has in his hands Till the Town shall give further orders. 4ly. Voted to Comply with directions of the Grand Congress Relatetive to Mourning. and then the Meeting was Adjourn,d without Day. Att a Town Meeting in [145] Manchester on Tuesday the twenty seventh Day of December 1774 Legally

warned and Convened by Adjournment. to see if the Town will order Constable Jon^{a}. Brown to pay what of the publick Money he has in his hands to Henry Gardner Esqr. of Stow — and also to Choose a Committee of Inspection to see that the Resolves of the Continental Congress be Carried into Execution, and also to Choose a Deligate for the provincial Congress—to be held at Cambridge the first Day of February Next. and also to see if the Town will agree upon some more speedy way to Collect the Province Tax for the present year than the usual: and also to see if the Town will agree upon a Certain sum of Money to be Raised for the poor of Boston. 1ly. Voted that Constable Jonathan Brown pay what of the publick Money he has in his hands forthwith to Henry Gardner Esqr. of Stow. 2^{ly}. Voted to Choose a Committee of Inspection to see that the Resolves of the Continantal Congres be Carried into Execution 3^{ly}. Voted that said Committee Consist of Seven Men. 4ly. Voted and Choosen for said Committee John Lee Esqr. Mis^{rs}. John Rogers Samuel Foster Aaron Lee Eleazer Craft Jonathan Brown and John Baker. 5^{ly}. Voted that the select-men be a Committee: forthwith to Hire the province Tax for the year 1774 and Cause it to be Immediately paid to Henry Gardner Esqr: of Stow. 6^{ly}. Voted and Choosen Mis^{rs} John Rogers Eleazer Craft and John Edwards for a Committee to Collect a subscription for the Poor of Boston and to pass the same into the Town Treasurer 7ly. Voted that the Town Treasurer forthwith or as soon as May be pay the Money subscrib,d and Collected by said Committee for the Poor of Boston. into the select men of Boston. 8^{ly} Voted to Choose a Committee to wait on Capt. Andrew Marsters Lieut. Samuel Foster and Ensign Eleazer Craft officers in the Militia to see if they will Muster their Company together and officiate in their offices or not, and to make Return to the select men if they Refuse. 9^{ly}. Voted Mis^{rs}. Andrew Woodberry Aaron Lee and John Tewxbury a Committee to wait on said officers. 10^{ly}. Voted that two Barrels of Powder be Imediately Provided by the select men for the use of the Town. 11^{ly}. Voted that Applycation be Made by the Selectmen Imediately to Lieut. Thomas Lee, or to M^{r}. Daniel Edwards Administrators for a Barrel Powder which said Edwards Borrowed of the Town in the year that the Stamp Act was Repealed and [146] the Meeting Adjourned to further orders. Att a Town Meeting in Manchester Legally assembled on the twenty Eighth Day of January 1775 agreable to adjournment from the

twenty seventh of December 1774 To Take into consideration a Report of the Town of Marblehead Respecting the Detention of their seafaring Bretheren from sailing to the Banks untill the twentieth Day of March Next and also to Choose a Committee to agree upon a Certain sum of Money to be raised for the support of the Minute men so-called, and how such Money shall be Disposed off . . Said Committee to make Return at the next adjournment. 1ly. Voted unanimously That they highly approve of the Measures adopted by the Town of Marblehead respecting their sea faring Brethren Not sailing to the Banks untill the twentieth Day of March. Next: and shall (provided the Method meets with the approbation of the Towns which are similarly Circumstanced with us) Cheerfully Adopt the same. 2ly. Voted John Lee Esqr. Deacon Jonathan Herrick Mr. Andrew Woodberry Capt Andrew Marsters, John Tewxbury. Mr. Isaac Procter. Mr. John Rogers, and Mr. Eleazer Craft—A Committee to agree upon a Certain sum of Money to be Raised for the support of the Minute men so called and how such Money shall be disposed off—and to make Return at the Next Adjournment.

Att a Town Meeting in Manchester Legally assembled on Monday the Twentieth day of February 1775. by Adjournment from the twenty Eighth day of January Last. To see if the Town will agree to build a House in some Remote part of the Town for the use of the Small Pox, and to put the Poor of the Town in When not used for the Small Pox. and to build a smoak House for the Same Purpose, and to Choose a Committee to Look out a suitable Place to set said Houses on and to Bargain for the same. and to agree with some person or persons to build said Houses. and Lay the Same before the Town at their Anuall Meeting in March Next. 1ly. Voted to Build said Houses for the use above Mentioned. 2ly. Voted and Choosen John Lee Esqr. Deacon Jonathan Herrick Lieut. Jacob Hooper Capt. Andrew Woodberry Mesrs. Stephen Allen John Cheever Jacob Allen & John Edwards a Committee to Look out a suitable Place in the Town to sett said Houses on and to agree for the same, and to agree with some person or Persons to build said Houses : and to Lay the same before the Town at there Annual Meeting in March Next 3ly. Voted that the select men Imeadiately Provide another House for the Small Pox and Likewise a smoak House for the same use. 4thly. Voted that the widow Mary Bears House is the most suitable for said use and

the widow Hovey's for a smoak House, and that they be by the select Men Imediately Taken up. 5ly. Voted and Chosen Capt Andrew Marsters Lieut. Samuel Foster Major Benja. Craft John Rogers Eleazer Craft Jacob Tewxbury John Edwards Aaron Lee Samuel Allen Jur. Jonathan Herrick Jur. Jacob Hooper Edward Lee Benjamin Ober Francis Craft and Deacon John Allen a Committee to Inspect the Small Pox. Essex s.s. To Mr. Jonathan Brown Constable of the Town of Manchester—Greeting—In his Majesties Name you are hereby required forthwith to Notify and warn all the Inhabitants of the Town of Manchester Rateable at twenty Pounds Estate. to one single Rate besides the Poll: to Assemble [147] at the Meeting-House in said Manchester on Monday the twentieth day of March Next at Eight o'Clock in the Morning: then and there to Choose a Moderator for said Meeting, and then to make Choice of Wardens; Selectmen: overseers of the Poor: Town Clerk: Town Treasurer: Constable: and other Town officers as the Law Directs and to agree upon granting such sum or sums of Money as shall or May be supposed Needfull for the Relief of the Poor and to defray all other Necessary Charges arising within said Town. and to see if the Town will Lay a fine upon any Person or Persons that shall Leave a stove in the Meeting House upon any occation Whatever, and Lastly to see if the Town will Reconsider a Vote pass,d Last March Meeting that the former select men should not be paid for Making their second Rate List.

Manchester February 27, 1775
by order of the Selectmen
John Tewxbury Town Clerk

Essex ss. Agreeable to the within have Notified and warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Manchester Lawfully Qualified to Vote in Town Meeting, to assemble at the Time and Place within Mentioned.

Manchester March 20–1775
Jonathan Brown Constable

[148] Att a Town Meeting in Manchester Legally warned and Convened on Monday the twentieth Day of March 1775 at the Meeting House in said Manchr. In order to Choose Town officers to serve the Town The Ensuing year and to Transact all other Town Business Mentioned in the foregoing Warrant. being Continued by Adjournment from time to Time, 1ly. Capt. Andrew Woodberry

was Choosen Moderator for s^d^ Meeting 2^ly·^ Voted that the select men had no Right to abate Capt·^ Samuel Fosters John Edwards and Andrew Woodberrys Schooner Rates for the year 1772. 3^ly·^ Choosen for Wardens Jonathan^s^ Brown Jeremiah^s^ Dow. 4^ly·^ Choosen for Select men Andrew Woodberry Eleazer Craft and John Tewxbury. 5^ly·^ Choosen for Town Clerk John Tewxbury^s^. 6^ly·^ Choosen for Town Treasurer John^s^ Tewxbury. 8^ly·^ Choosen for Constable Jacob Tewxbury^s^. 9^ly·^ Choosen for Grand Jury man for the Ensuing year John Baker. 10^ly·^ Voted to Choose all the other Town officers by a hand Vote. 11^ly·^ Choosen for Hog reeves Ezekiel Knowlton^s^ Jonathan^s^ Brown Jacob^s^ Tewxbury John Tewxbury^s^ Jesse^s^ Dodge & Joseph^s^ Knight. 12^ly·^ Voted that swine go at Large being Yoaked and Ringed according to Law. 13^ly·^ Choosen for Haywards Lieut Jacob^s^ Hooper Joseph Killum Samuel^s^ Allen and Benjamin Craft^s^. 14^ly·^ Choosen for Surveyors of Fences Capt. Andrew Marsters^s^ Lieut. Jacob^s^ Hooper and Ensign Jonathan^s^ Brown. 15^ly·^ Choosen for Tything men Benjamin Ober Aaron^s^ Bray 16^ly·^ Choosen for sealer of weights & Measures John Cheever 17^ly·^ Choosen for Corders of Wood Jacob^s^ Hooper John^s^ Tewxbury Jeremiah^s^ Dow and Eleazer Craft. 18^ly·^ Choosen for sealer of Leather Elisha^s^ Allen 19^ly·^ Choosen for Cullers of Fish John Lee Esqr·^ Capt·^ Andrew Marsters Lieu^t·^ Samuel Foster^s^ Lieu^t·^ Aaron^s^ Lee Capt·^ Andrew Woodberry^s^ Lieu^t·^ John Edwards^s^ & John Tewxbury^s^. 20^ly·^ Chooser for Cullers of Hoops & staves & packers of fish John^s^ Tewxbury & Obed^s^ Carter. 21^ly·^ Choosen for Inspecter of Deer Jonathan^s^ Herrick Ju^r·^ and Lieu^t·^ Jacob^s^ Hooper. 22^ly·^ Choosen for Measurers o Boards and Timber and Cullers of Clapboards and Shingles. Joseph Killum John Cheever and William^s^ Brown. 23^ly·^ Choosen fo Pound Keeper Joseph Killum 24^ly·^ Choosen for Measurers of Grain and salt Obed^s^ Carter John Tewxbury & Jacob Tewxbury. 25^ly^ Choosen for Clerks of the Market John Baker Capt·^ Benjamin Kimball & Lieu^t·^ Samuel Foster. 26^ly·^ Choosen for serveyors of High ways Jonathan^s^ Herrick Ju^r·^ Deacon John^s^ Allen Lieu^t·^ Jacob [149

Hooper Ensign Jonathan Brown & Capt· Andrew Woodberry 27^{ly}· Choosen for Assessors the select men. 28^{ly}· Voted that y^{e}· select men this day Choosen shall Tax Each Poll three shillings and two pence p^{r}· pound on the Income of Estates by the last years Inventory to Defray the Charges of mending the Highways the Ensuing year. 29^{ly}· Voted that the surveyors of Highways shall be Collectors of Taxes in their Respective wards. 30^{ly}· Voted that the Select men this day Choosen shall asses the Town fifty Pounds for M^{r}· Toppans Covenanted Salary and thirty Pounds as a Gift — he finding himself Wood. 31^{ly}· Voted to raise £45. 0. 0 for the support and Maintainnance of a Grammar School the Ensuing year: 32^{ly}· Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to Lay out the Money for the School: 33^{ly}· Voted to Raise £110. 0. 0 for the Defraying of Town Charges the Ensuing year 34^{ly}· Voted that the Saxton be and hereby is appointed & Impowered by the Town to sue for and recover, of any Person that shall Leave a stove in the Meeting House on any occasion whatever, a fine of two shillings and to have the same for his Trouble. 35^{ly}· Voted to reconsider and make Void a Certain Vote Passed Last March Meeting, that the former Selectmen should not be paid for making their second Rate List Which Vote is made Void and of None Effect.—and the Meeting was Adjourned to Monday the 26 Instant at two o'Clock P. M. and then met. 1^{t}· Voted to Raise £80. 0. 0 to defray the Charges of Building a Small Pox House. 2^{ly}· Voted to Choose a Committee of three men to Look out and purchas a place to sett a small Pox & a smoak House upon and to agree with a Person or Persons to Build said Houses in the Cheepest Manner. — 3^{ly}· Choosen for said Committee Deacon Jon^{a}· Herrick Capt· Andrew Marsters & Lieu^{t}· [150] Samuel Foster. 4^{ly}· Voted that the Treasurer be and hereby is Impowered to Hire upon Intrest twenty six Pounds thirteen shillings and four pence to defray the Charges arising by the small Pox. 5^{ly}· Voted that the Town take upon them: the Engagement of Deacon Jonathan Herrick Capt· Samuel Foster & Benjamin Craft: to William Badcock Relative to Robert Perrys House: and then the Meeting was adjourned to April 17 at two O'Clock P. M. and then Met and: 1^{t}· was Voted to give M^{r}· Robert Perry for the Damages of having the Small Pox in his House, over and above finding him a House to Live in the While: and paying the Charges of moveing from and to his House: three Pounds ten shillings. 2dly· Voted that M^{r}· Andrew Woodberry shall have Rep-

resentatives pay for serving at the provincial Congress the year Past and no more. 3ly. Voted that the Select men for the year Past shall pay the three schooners Rates which They abated for the year 1772. 4ly. Voted that the Town shall pay, the Charges of House Rent of Moving People from and to their Houses, and the select mens Trouble, in Time of having the Small Pox. 5ly. Voted to allow Mr. Benjamin ober ten Dollars of his account for halling skipper Warren Wood two year. 6ly. Voted that the Committee Choosen to Build the Small Pox Houses who were to make their Report at this adjournment, be allowed to make their Report the Next Town Meeting.—7ly. Voted to allow Doctor Joseph Whipples account against the widow. Lucy andrews, Willm. Camp & Hannah Carter. Att a Town Meeting in Manchester on fryday the Twenty First day of Appril Anno: Domini: 1775. previous to the Fight at Concord, In order to do something for the safty of the Town: Andrew Woodberry was Choosen Moderator for sd Meeting and firstly was Voted [151] to keep four Watches: one at Glasses head or Black Cove: to Rang from Chubs Creek to Marsters Point one in the Center of the Town to Range from Bennetts Hill to Edward Hoopers Corner: one at the old-Neck to Rang from the Northern End of Glasses Beach to Thunder-Bolt Hill: and one at Kettle-Cove on great Crow-Island: 2dly. Voted to Build two Watch Houses, one at Glasses Head or Black Cove: and the other at Crow Island: 3dly. Voted that the select-men be and are hereby Impowered to Build said Watch Houses: 4ly. Voted that if any Person shall Refuse to watch when they are properly warned, shall pay a fine of two Dollars: 5ly. Voted that Lient. Hooper shall have the Care of the watch at Kettle Cove: 6ly. Voted that if any Person not Meet on an Alarm with all his Accuterments shall pay a fine of Forty shillings: 7ly. Voted that Each watch shall be at their Posts at half an Hour after sun sett and to Continue there watch Till sun Rise. 8ly. Voted to Choose a Committee of two Men to advise with the Committees of the several sea-port Towns who are to Meet at Beverly on Monday the 24th. of April Instant; 9ly. Voted Capt. Andrew Woodberry and John Tewxbury for said Committee.

Att a Town Meeting in Manchester Tuesday the 23d day of May 1775. in order to Choose a deligate to Represent us at a Provincial Congress: Voted not to send one Likewise Voted that if Mr. Daniel Presson shall refuse to watch or do his turn in Watching that He will greatly Incur the displeasure of the Town.

Att a Town Meeting in Manchester Legally Assembled on Mon-

day the third day of July in order to Choose a Representative and to see if the Town will have a watch keep,t at the Neck Beach. firstly Capt. Andrew Woodberry was Choosen Moderator 2dly. Voted not to send a Representative 3dly was Choosen for Jury for Salem Court William Stone and John Allen Junr. 4ly. Voted to Build two Watch Houses one at Glasses Point and the other at Image Hill: 5ly Voted that the select men be a Committee to agree with some Carpenters to Build said Watch Houses in the Cheepest Manner: 6ly Voted Unanimously that it is agreeable to have a Company of Soldiers stationed in this Town: 7ly. Voted that Capt. Andrew Woodberry have Eight shillings pr. Day for his servis on the Committee proportioning the soldiers. 8ly. Choosen for a Howard in the absence of Mr. Benjamin Craft. Mr. Andrew Lee 9ly Choosen for Officers for the Company to be stationed here Samuel Foster Capt. Aaron Lee Lieut. Eleazar Craft Second Lieut. and Andrew Lee a second Lieut: in Case any should Refuse serving: and In Case the Capt. should Refuse the Lieut. to take his Birth.

Att a Town in Manchester on Monday the 17th. day of July 1775. upon the Request of a Number of the Inhabitants to see if the Town will Choose a Committee of Corespondance to Consist of five, seven, or nine, men, and to Choose any other officers that shall be thought Necessary, and to do any other Business that shall be thought advisable for the Peace & safety of the Town, and firstly John Lee Esqr. was Choosen Moderator for said Meeting 2dly. Voted to Choose a Committee of Corespondance to consist of Nine Men: 3dly Choosen for said Committee John Lee Esqr. Deacon Jonathan Herrick, Lieut. Jacob Hooper: Mr. John Edwards: Capt. Samuel [152] Foster: Mr. Aaron Lee: Capt. Isaac Lee. Mr. Isaac Proctor and Mr. Eleazar Craft. 4ly Voted to have the Law Read Respecting order in Town meeting 5ly Voted Mr. John Morgan a sargent for the Half Company. 6ly. Voted Capt. Isaac Lee a sargant for said half Company and he Refused to serve. 7ly Voted that the former Committee of Correspondance be and hereby is Desolved. 8ly. Voted that the Soldiers Enlisted under Capt. Whipple should not be supplied with Powder by the Selectmen untill another Captain be Choosen.

Att a Town Meeting in Manchester on Monday the 21 Day of August 1775. Legally Assembled to see if the Town will Reconsider a Vote Pass,d at the Last Town Meeting for biding the Select-men

supplying the soldiers Enlisted under Captain Whipple with Powder untill another Captain be Choosen firstly John Lee Esqr. was Choosen Moderator for said Meeting. 2ly. Voted that the Vote pass,d at the Last Town meeting for biding the select men to supply the half Company stationed in this Town with Powder untill another Captain be Choosen and the Company settled. Be and hereby is Reconsidered 3ly Voted that M^{r}. Eleazar Craft be and hereby is appointed to Procure the Cloathing as Resolved by the Provincial Congress and that if the Province will not pay him for his Trouble in procuring said Cloathing that the Town will.

Att a Town Meeting in Manchester Leagally Assembled on Fryday the Twenty fourth Day of November 1775 in order to Choose sum Town officers Accasoned by the Death of Mr John Tewxbury. Firstly Deacon Jonathan Herrick was Choosen Moderator secondly [153] Choosen Aaron Lee Town Clark Thirdly Choosen M^{r}. Jacob Twexbury Town Treasurer Forthly Choosen M^{r}. John Edwards a Select Man Fiftly Chosen M^{r}. John Edwards an Assessor Sixthly Voted to Dismis the Town School from this Day seventhly Voted that the Town Clarke now Choosen shall make a Minit of the said Meeting and Record the Sam when He shall have been sworn and then the meeting was Dissolved. Att A Town Meeting in Manchester Leagally Assembled on Monday The Eighteenth Day of December 1775 in order to see if the Town would Choose a Commetee to Purchas a stock of Corn for the suport of the Poor of s^{d}. Town and Firstly Mr Elezer Craft was Chosen Moderator of said Meeting 2ly Voted Not to Chose a Commetee seperate from the select men 3ly Voted that the Select men be the Commetee to purchas a Stock of Corn for the Poor to the amount of 50 Bushels & then the Meeting was Dissolved. Att a Town Meeting in Manchester Legally assembled on Thursday The fourth Day of January 1776 in order to Regulate the watches in the Town and as all Commetes in the Severall Towns are to be Dissolved Excepting the Commetee of Correspondence for Each town To see if the Town will Continue the Present Commetee of Correspondence or choose another and to see if the Town will Prefer a Petition to the House of Representatives To Lessen the Province Tax Provided it should be as large as is reported also to Do Any other Bisness that Shall be Though Needfull Firstly Chosen Nath^{ll}. Lee Moderator Sec^{ly}. Voted to Keep a watch and to be Paid by a Tax of the Town Allowing Each man to watch his Turn. Thirdly Voted to Choose Three men T

take care of the watches M^{r}. Isaac Lee Capt. Samuell Foster Mr Elezer Craft Fourthly Voted to Keep three watches in the Town and to Buld a Watch house at M^{r}. Procters point Fifthly Voted that Each man shall Have Two shillings pr Night Sixthly Voted that the Select men shall buld The watch house at Procters point and Remove the watch house at Newport To its former place and to supply the watch houses with halfe Cord wood For Each house seventhly Voted that no Negro shall be allowed to watch Eighly Voted that the Charge that has ben at Newport all Ready shall Be brougt in with the other watches Ninthly Voted if any of the watches should be found a sleep by any Person he shall forfite his Wages 10ly. Voted Not to Dissolve the old Commetee of Correspondance 11ly. Voted That the Select men Prefer a Pertition to the Gennarall Court for an Abatement of the Province Tax 12ly Voted that the Men that Keeps the Watch shall go upon Duty at Sun Sett and Come of att Sun Rise.

Att A Town Meeting Leagully Warnd In Manchester on Monday The Twenty second Day of Januery 1776 on the Request of the Select men to see if the Town will Choos one or more Person or Persons As assistance or advisers with the Present assessors. 1ly Choosen Nathaniel Lee Modarator and after a Longe Debate on the Matter and Could Not agree on any Terms the Meeting was Dissolved. Att a Town Meeting Leagully Warned In Manchester and Conveaned on Thursday the Nintenth Day of october 1775 In order to Agree upon sumthing for the safty of the Town against our unnatureal Enemies Firstly M^{r}. Nathaniel Lee was Choosen Moderator for s^{d}. Meeting Voted Firstly to throw up Some Intrenchments In sum Convenent Place In the Town Secondly Voted to Choose a Committee of Five men to Lay out som Convenient [154] Plase In the Town for Intrenchments Thirdly Choosen Mr Isaac Lee Samuel Foster Jonathan Brown Eleazer Craft Azariah Norton for said, Committee Forthly voted that the People of Town should work Two Days If they Please on said Intrenchments Fifthly voted that the Committe shall lay out such Places for Intrenchments as they shall Think Propper Sixthly voted to Indamnefy those Persons on whose Land Intrenchments shall be made agreable to other Towns. Essex s.s.

To Mr Jacob Tewxbury Constable of the Town of Manchester—Greeting. In his Majesties Name you are hereby Required Forthwith to Notify and Warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants

of the Town of Manchester Rateable att Twenty Pounds Estate to one Single Rate besides the Poll to Assemble att the Meeting house in Manchester on Monday the Eighteenth Day of March Instant att Eight o'clock In the Morning then and there to Choos a Moderater for s^d^ Meeting and then to Make Choice of Wardens Selectmen Town Clerk overseers of the Poor Town Treasurer Constable and all other town officers as the Law Directs and to agree upon granting Such sum or sums of Money as shall or may be thought Needfull For Relief of the Poor and to Defray all other Nesessary Charges arising within Said Town and to see if the Town will Choos a Standing Committee of Correspondence and also To see if the Town will Choos a Committee to Petition the house of Representetives for this Colony to obtain Pay for the Town watching and to obtain Men to be stationed In s^d^ Town hereof fail not and Make Return of this warrent and your Doings thereon unto myself on or before the Time of Meeting Given under my hand and Seal att manctester the second Day of March anno [155] Domini 1776

Essex ss. agreabl to the within have warned the People to appear at the time and Place within Mensoned Jacob Tewxbury Constable } By order of the Select Men Aaron Lee Town Clerk

Att A Town Meeting In Manchester Legally Warned and Convened on Monday the Eighteenth Day of March 1776 at the Meeting house In said Manchester In order to Choose Town officers to Serve the Town the Insuing year and to Transact all other Town Business Mensoned In the Fore Going Warrent 1ly Deacon Jonathan Herrick was Choosen Moderator for said Meeting 2ly was Choosen Mr Frances Craft and Moses Dodg for Wardens 3ly was Chosen Town Clerk for the Insuing year. Jacob Tewxbury 4ly was Chosen for Select men Mr Eleazer Craft & John Edwards & John Cheever 5ly was Choosen for Town Treasurer Jacob Tewxbury 6ly was Choosen Constable Mr Nathaniel Lee 7ly was Choosen for Grand Juriman for the Insuing year Mr William allen sen 8ly Voted that the other Besiness be Dun by a hand vote. 9ly was Choosen for Hog Reef for the Insuing year Mr Edward Lee Elisha allen John allen Jn^r^ Frances Craft Azeriah Norton Richard Day 10ly voted that Hogs should Go at Larg being yok and Ring according to Law 11ly was Chosen for Howards for the Insuing year : mr Jacob Hooper Ezekiel knowlton obed Carter William Badcock sen^r^. 12ly was Chosen for Survayrs of Fences for

the Insuing year Mr Ezekiel knowlton Benjamin ober Steven allen 13ly was Chosen for Tyding men for the Insuing year messrs Moses Dodge & Ebenezer Lee. 14ly was Choosen for Sealer of waights and Mesuers for the Insuing year Mr John Chever 15ly was Chosen for Corders of Wood for the Insuing year Mr. Jacob Hooper & Jeremiah Dow senr. & Eleazr Craft & Benjamin Craft. [156] 16ly was Chosen for Sealer of Lether for the In suing year Mr Elisha allen 17ly was Chosen Collers of fish for the Insuing year John Lee Esqr Andrew Marsters Samuel Foster aron Lee John Edwards and Andrew Woodberry 18ly was Choosen for Collers of Hoops and Stavs for the Insuing year Mr. Obed Carter & John Tewxbury 19ly was Chosen Inspecter of Dear Mr Ezekel knowlton 20ly was Chosen Mesurers of Boards Timber and Plank for the In suing year Mr John Chever William Brown and Ebenezer Lee. 21ly was Chosin Pound keeper for the Insuing year Mr obed Carter 22ly was Chosen for Mesurers of Grain & Salt for the Insuing year Jacob Tewxbury & Mr Benjamin Craft 23ly was Chosen Clerks of the Markets for the In suing year Mr Samuel Forster & John Baker. 24ly was Chosen Survayers of the highways for the Insuing year Messrs Jonathan Herrick Eleazer Craft andrew Woodbry and Deacon John allen. 25ly was voted that the survayers this Day Chosen shall work out the Rates that ware Maid the Last year also that they should be Collectors for the same Rates 26ly was voted that the Select men This Day Chosen should serve as assesors for the Insuing year. 27ly was voted Mr Toppans Covenent Sallery fifty Pound also as a Gift to Mr Toppan Twenty Pound 28ly was voted to Raise one hundred and fifty Pounds to Defray Town Charges for the year Insuing 29ly was voted to Chos five men for a Committee of Correspondence also was Chosen for the saim Deacon John allen and Mr. John Chever azariah Norten Jacob Tewxbury and Doctor Josep Whipple 30ly was voted that the Select men Petetion the General Court for Pay for the Town watching also for men to be stationed In Town also for abatement on the Province Tax 31ly was Chosen att This Meeting Two men to Serve on the Petit Jury at Ipswich Court Namly Mrs John Driver and azriah Norten then was the meeting Dismist

[157] Att A Town Meeting In Manchester Legally Warned and Conveined on Monday the 22 Day of April 1776 In order to see If the Town would send one or more Person or Persons to a County Convention to be held att Ipswich the 25 Day of this Instant firstly

was Choosen For Moderator for said Meeting John Lee Esqr Sec ondly was voted to send one Person Thirdly was Chosen John Lee Esqr to serve as Delegate att the Convention as above Mensoned Fourthly was voted that Doctor Joseph Whipple should be Paid for writing as Clerk of the Corospondence Committee Fifthly was voted to Choose Two Persons to serve as additional members of the Committee Sixthly was Choosen for the saim Mr Stephen allen & John Allen Junr then the Meeting was Dismist.

Att A Town Meeting in Manchester Legally Warned and Convened and Mett to Gather on Wednesday the Third Day of July 1776 In order to Choos Jury men for the Infearor Court to be held at Salem the Ninth Day of July Instant 1ly. was Choosen Deacon Jonathan Herrick for Moderater for said Meeting 2ly was Choosen for Jury men Mr Ezekiel Cheaver and Andrew Lee 3ly was Chosen a Committee of Three men to vallew Robert Pearys house viz Namely Mr Isaac Procter John Cheever & Jacob Tewxbury 4ly was agreed to call another Meeting to have the Report of the said Committee Likewise to see If the Town will agree to bye said Pearys house also to see if the Town will agree to Raise the Money to Pay for the same and Then the Meeting was Dismist.

Att A Town Meeting Legaly warnd and meett To gether In Manchester on Monday the 22 Day of July In 1776 In order to hear the Report of the Commettee In Regard to Robert Pearys [158] house 1ly was Choosen for Moderator Deacon Jonathan Herrick 2ly was heard the Report of the Committee whose Judgments was that the house was worth Twenty nine pounds six shillings and Eight pence when said Peary was movd out of it In the Time of the Small Pox 3ly was voted to Give the said Peary for his house Twenty Nine pound six shilings and Eight Pence Lawfull money upon said Pearys Consenting to Relinquish the Three Pounds Ten shilings that was voted to be Given to him at a Town Meeting In April the 17 1775 also all the other Charges that was voted should be paid on accompt of his Family being Movd att that Time also to Pay to said Peary Lawfull Intrest for the Twenty nine pound six shiling and Eight Pence from the Time that his Goods ware Taken out of his house to the Time that the Money is Paid 4ly was voted that the selectmen should assess the Town thirty two Pounds In order to pay for the said house and the Intrest of the money 5ly was voted that the 100 Bushels of Corn that the Select men has Taken in more than was voted should be Bought should be Received for

the youse of the Town and to be Disposed of as the select men shall Think Propper Also at this Time was opened Another Meeting In order to Choose one Man to serve as Juryman at the Court of Admiltry to be held at Salem was Drawn for the same Mr. Benjamin Ober then the Meeting was Dismist.

[159] Att A Town Meeting In Manchester Legaly warnd and Mett to gether on Thursday the Tenth Day of october 1776 In order to Choose Jury men for the Court of admiltry to be held att Salem was Drawn for the same William Tuck and John Edwards.

Att a Town Meeting In Manchester on Monday the Twenty Eighth Day of october 1776 In order to Choos Jury men for the Superor Court att Salem was Chosen for Grand Jury men Isaac Lee for the Petit Jury Andrew woodberry.

Att A Town Meeting in Manchester Legaly Warned and Meett To gether on Friday the 29 Day of December 1776 1ly was Chosen for Moderator Deacon Jonathan Herrick 2ly was Chosen for Constable William Allen Senr. 3ly was voted that all the Bounty that hath Bin Given to the Solders In months past of this Present year should be Brought into one Sum 4ly was voted to Raise Sixty Eight Pounds to Defray the above Bountys to gether with the Charges 5ly was Chosen for the Committee to Leavey the Tax of the above Deacon Jonathan Herrick John Chever and William Tuck 6ly was Chosen for Collecttor of said Tax William Allen Senr 7ly was Chosen for Jury men for Salem Court John Orsmentt & William Allen Jn^{r} and then the Meeting was Dismist Att A Town Meeting In Manchester Legaly warned and mett To gather on Winsday the Thirteenth Day February 1777 In order to see If the Town would agree to Raise a Bounty for the Solders that Inlist into the service Firstly was Chosen Moderator for s^{d}. Meeting John Lee Esqr Secondly was voted to Give [160] to Each Person that will Inlist Into the Contenental servise Fowerteen Pound Besides the Bountys Given By the Continent and Provinces Provided the vote can be suported By Law so the Meeting was Adjurnd to Friday the Twentyth Day of Februery Instant att one o'clock In the after Noone Essex s s. To Mr William Allen Constable of the Town of Manchester—Greeting—in the Name of the government and the people of this Colony you are heair by Required Fourth with to Notify and warn all the Freeholders and Other Inhabitance of the Town of Manchester Qualifyed as the Law Directs to Voat in Town affairs to assemble att the Meeting House in said Manchester on

Monday the Seaventeenth Day of March Instant at Eight o'Clock in the Morning then and their to Choose a Moderator for said Meeting and then to make Choise wordens select men town Clark Overseers of the Poore Town Treasurer Constable and all other Town offesers as the Law Directs Likewise to agree upon Granting such a sum or sums of Money as shall or may be thought Needfull for the support of the Poore and to Defray All other Nesserry Charges arising within said Town Allso to Choose a Committee of Corrispondance Inspection and Safty allso to Transc any other Buisness as may be thought fitt at that time heare of Fail Not and make Return of this worant to my selfe with your Doing theiron before the time of said meeting given Under my hand and seele at manchester this First Day of March Domina 1777 by Order of the Select men

Jacob Tewxbury Town Clerk

[161] agreeable to the above warrant
I have Notifyed and wornd the people to appear at the time and plase
Pre fixt in said worant Willm Allen Constable

Att an Annual Meeting of the Inhabitance of the town of Manchester Legaly worned and assembled on Monday on the seaventeenth Day of March Ann^{o} Domina 1777 In Order to Chuse town officers to serve said Town the Insuing Yeare 1ly John Lee Esqr was Chosen Modderater for said Meeting 2ly John Allen Junr. and Azariah Norton was Chosen wordins 3ly John Allen Junr. William Tuck and Jonathan Herrick Junr was Chosen Select men 4ly John Allen Junr was Chosen Town Clark 5ly John Allen sen^{r} was Chosen Town Treasury 6ly Andrew Lee was chosen Constable 7ly Eleazer Craft William Tuck Jonathan Herrick Junr. Jonathan Brown & John Allen Junr was Chosen for a Committee of Corrispondance Inspection and safty 8ly was Voated to Do the Remainder of the town Buisness by a hand Voat 9ly John Baker was Voated for a grand Juryman. 10ly Jonathan Brown Elisha Allen Benjamin Orsment William Badcock Jacob Tewxbury and Jonathan Allen Junr. was Voated hog Reaves 11ly was Voated that hogs should Run at Large being well yoked and Ringed According as the Law Directs 12ly Jacob Hooper William Badcock Jonathan Herrick Junr and Benjamin Ober was Voated to serve survoyors of Fences 13ly William Badcock william Allen Junr Jonathan Brown

Eleazer Craft Samuel Allen Junr. Ruben Knolton was Chosen haywards 14ly Frances Craft and Ezekiel Allen was Chosen Tiden men 15ly John Cheaver was Chosen seailer of weights 16ly Jonathan Brown Aaron Lee Jeremiah Dow Beniamin Craft was Chosen Whood Corders. 17ly Elish Allen was Chosen to be a sealer of Leather 18ly Obed Carter & John Tewxbury was Chosen Cullers of hoops and staves 19ly william Brown John Cheaver Jonathan Herrick Junr was Chosen sevairs and Markers of Boards 20ly Obed Carter was Chosen pound Keeper 21ly Sam^{ll} Forster John Baker was Chosen Clarks of the markits Samuel Foster Sam^{ll} Allen Junr John Edwards John Cheaver Jonathan Allen Junr Jacob Hooper was Chosen Surveyors of the High ways 23ly was Voated the High ways should be mended by a Tax the Heads to pay three shilings and the Estates pay in the same propotion 24ly was Voated that all the heads that are in the Continentle servise by Land or See shall Not Pay any Highway Tax this pres^{t} year 25ly was Voated that the surveyors of the Highways should Gather their Taxes 26ly was Voated that the Selectmen this Day Chosen should stand as assessors to sess the town the yeare Insuing. 27ly was Voated to Give the Rev^{d}. Mr Beniamin Toppan for his Covinant Sellery fifty Pounds Lawfull money £50–00–0 28ly was Voated to Give the Revd Mr Benia Toppan thirty pounds as a Gift Including twenty Cords of Whood 29ly the meeting ajourned till frydia ye 21 instant 30ly the Meeting at ten o'clock on fryday was opened 31ly was Chosen Deair Reave Jonathan Brown 32ly was Chosen Meeter or measurer of Grain William Tuck 33ly was Voated to Rase one hundred and seaventy pounds £170 Lawfull Money to Defray Town Charges and supply the Poor 34ly was Voated that the Constable Jacob Tewxbury should strain on Capt. Samuel Lee^{s} Estate for his Taxes in the yeare 1775. John Lee Esqr Enters his Dissent against [163] said Voate past against said Sam^{ll}. Lee Willm Tuck and Aaron Lee they Enter their Dissent against said Voate past against said Sam^{ll}. Lee 35ly was Voated to seet the Meeting House the Names of the Committee as Viz. Azariah Norton Willm Tuck Jacob Hooper Isaac

Procter Jonathan Brown andrew Lee John allen sen^{r} John Baker Frances Craft John Allen Junr John Orsment. 36ly was Voated that the select men of the town of manchester shall Hire money for to supply the poore with If None in the Treasurey Att A Town Meeting in Manchester Leagally worned and assembled to gether on thursday April ye 10th 1777 the meting opened and 1ly was Chosen John Lee Esqr moderator for said meeting 2ly the meeting adjourned till monday the 14th said 14th the meeting was opened 3ly Voated Eleaser Craft for a first major for Cape ann and manchester Rig^{t}· by written Voats 4ly a Committee was Chosen to meet the Committees of sum oather Committees at wenham 5ly Voated Beni^{n}· Craft and John Baker to be added to the Committee of Corrispondance Inspection and Safty 6ly for three to be a Corum in said Committees then the meeting Dismised 7ly was Voated that all the men that was in the Continentel service in 1776 without Bounty should have C^{r} on the town Books of twenty Dollars till Run out in Raising Bountys for solders for the futer. Att A Town meeting Leagaly worned in Manchester and assembled to Gether on Monday May ye second 1777 ye meeting opened 1ly was Chosen Moderator for said meeting John Lee Esqr. 2ly was Reconsidered the Voat that was past on fourteenth Day of april 1777 in Chuseing a First Major of the sixth Rig^{t}· on Foot 3ly was Voated m^{r} Eleazer Craft a second Major for said Rig^{t}· the meeting Dismised Att a Town Meeting Leaguly worned in Manchester and assembled to Gether on Monday May ye 12 1777 at Nine Oclock in the morning the meeting opened 1ly was Chosen Col· John Lee Moderator for said meeting and then we proceeded to Choose a Representative for this Election 2ly was Voated Eunamisley to Send one and 3ly Capt· will^{m}· Tuck was Chosen By written Voats for a Reprsentative for the Town of Manchester to Reprsent said Town to the grate and Genaril Court of this State at ten the metting Dismised.

Att a Town Meeting Leagualey worned in Manchester and Assembled to gether on wednesday June the 25th· 1777 at seaven in the Morning the meeting was opened 1ly. was Chosen for Moderater John Lee Esqr· 2ly was Chosen Rigester of Deeds for the County of Essex John Pickrin Junr· 3ly was Voated to Choose three men to be in the Committee to Inspect all persons that are Inamical to the Laws of the Ginarel Cort of this State said Committee is to be under oath accordingly was Chosen by Ritten proxes

Nath^{ll} Lee Obed Carter Thomas Stevens 4ly John Lee Esqr was Chosen to take Notes of all Internal Enemyes and to Enter a Complaint against such offenders 5ly was Chosen Nath^{ll} Lee survayor of the High ways 6ly was Chosen Jurey men for to serve on the Petty Jurey at Salem on the second wednesday in July Isaac Presson and Jesse Dodge the meeting Dismised. Att a Town Meeting Leaguley worned in Manchester and Assembled to gether on monday Sept. ye 29th 1777 at ten O'clock in the morning the meeting was opened 1ly was Chosen moderator for s^{d} meeting John Lee Esqr 2ly was Voated to support the solders famelys that is heare after mentioned as much as 40^{s}/ pr. month agreabale to the Pries acts and what they Give more the town is to sink they Laying their acct. Before the selectmen to make the allowance the Names of the Heads of the famelyes is Viz John Lendall Josiah allen Stephen Danford [165] Sam^{ll}. Ayers Joseph Badcock John Baley Willm. Camp & Caleb Bartlet If he Counts for one of our Nomber of the three year men in the Continentale service 3ly was Voated that all that shall inlist in the service till our three year Coato be full that Have famelys shall share the same fate as the above mentined 4ly was Chosen survayor of the Highways Jonathan Herrick Junr. the meeting Dismised. Att a Town meeting Leaguly worned in Manchester and Assembled to Gether on thursday Novr ye 6th 1777 the meeting opened 1ly was Chosen Moderator for s^{d} meeting John Lee Esqr 2ly was Chosen for a Committee Obed Carter John Baker Jonathan Allen Junr. to take an acct. of the solders famelys that are forst to Give for the Nessarys of Life more than the stipolated Price and that was in forse when the solders Did Inlist into the Continentale service that is what they are forst to Give more so far as 20^{s}/ per month from Sept. Last the over and above that is Given for s^{d} articles is to be Layd Before the Greait and Jenarel Cort of this state 3ly was Chosen for Town Clerk william Tuck To serve in s^{d}. office while the anuale Town Clerk is absent the meeting Dismised. Essex s.s. To mr. Andrew Lee Constable of the Town of Manchester—Greeting—In the Name of goverment and People you are hereby Required to Notify and worn all the freeholders and oather Inhabitance of the Town of manchester that are Voaters according as the Law Directs to assemble at the meeting House in s^{d}. Manchester on fryday the Ninth Day of Jany. 1778 at two o'clock in the after Noon then and there 1ly to Choose a Mod-

erator for s^d meeting 2ly to see If the Town will ad sumthing by way of Gratuety towords the Support of the Rev^d. m^r. Toppen threw the Presant year and what Som will be agreable to the town and the meathod of assising and Colecting the Same so that he the s^d. m^r. Toppen may have Emeadiate Releave 3ly to see If any Votes heretofore have bin Passed Respecting Extra Bounty Given by the Town to those Solders that Inlisted for three years in the Continental service for the town of manchester weather such Voats Respecting the same may or shall be Reconsidered allso to Consider or Determin what Efectual meathod shall be Taken towords assesing Leveing and Colecting the money Paid as au Extra Bounty to those Solders who Inlisted in to the Continentel service for the terme of three years for the town of manchester ware as some of the famelys of the solders who are in the Continentale Service are in a Suffering Condition and for their Emediate Releave for the town to Conseder wather the town will impower the Committee of supply for the affore s^d Famelys to make out a fare List of the Sums Due to the fameleys according to the Prices of articles to the amount of a months Pay from the first of Septr. Last to the first Day of Decr 1777 and to borrow as much money on Loan as will Discharge the Balance Due to s^d Fameleys hereof fail Not and make Return of this worrant to my selfe of your Doings at or before the time of s^d meeting Given unde. my hand and seail this 26th Day of Decr. 1777 by order of the Select men

agreable to the within worant John Allen T. Clerk

I have Notifyed and worned the
freeholders and oather Inhabitance of the
Town of manchester Duly Qualifyed to Vote in town affairs
to assemble at the time and Place for the Porpose
within mentioned Andrew Lee Constable

Att a Town Meeting in the town of manchester Leaguely worned and the Inhabitance assembled to gether for the Porpose mentinoid in the foregoing worant the meeting Opened Jany the 9th 1778 at two O'clock in the after Noon 1ly was Chosen moderator for s^d meeting [166] John Lee Esqr. 2ly was Voated to give the Rev^d m^r Benja Toppen as a gift the Presant year by way of gratuety for his Emediate Support Sixty pounds Lawfull money £60 3ly was Voated for the Presant sesors to sess the s^d som and the Presant Constable to Colect s^d som sesed 4ly was Voated for all the Bounty that has been given to the Continentale solders for three years,

should be Brought in to a Tax and the Present sesors to sess s^{d} Tax and the presant Constable to Colect s^{d} Tax 5ly was Voated for the Committee of Supplyes to settle with the solders namely that their husbands are in the Continentale Service so Far half of their wages will go agreaible to the Price. acct and Refund the over and above Surpresage from the first Day of Septr. 1777 to the first Day of ——— 1777 and hire money for s^{d} settlem, in behalf of s^{d}. Town 6ly was Voted that all that have ben in the Service shall have the same prepotion of Cred^{t}. Dotchester Excepted 7ly was Voated for the selectmen to Take in posesesion the wood Lots of Sam^{ll}. Leaches Deceased in Shingle Place adjoining to Richard Leaches ayrs on one side and Solomon Lee the other and settle with the Enfringers that have Borrowed Nearer then they had a Rite. Essex s.s. To M^{r}. Andrew Lee Constable of the Town of Manchester. In the name of government & People you are hereby Requiered Fourthwith to Notifye and warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Manchester Rateable at twenty Pounds Estate to one single rate besides the poll To Assemble at the meeting house in s^{d}. Manchester on Tusday the Third day of March Next Ensuing the Date Hereof at Eight A Clock in the Morning of s^{d}. Day Then and their to Choose a Moderator for s^{d}. Meeting and to make Choice of Wardens select Men Town Clarke Town Treasurer Constable and all other Town Officers [167] as the Law directs And to agree upon Granting such Sum or sums of Mony as shall or supposed Needfull for the Relief of the Poor and defraying all Other Charges necessarily arising within said Town. And to see if the Town will adopt any other plan then What have ben heretofore practised to support and suply The poor And also suply the fameleys of the solders in The Continantal Service and to Chouse a Standing Commetee of Corispondance hereof fail not and make Return of this Warrant and your doings thereon unto my selfe on or before the said time of Meeting Given under my hand And Seal at Manchester this fourteenth day of Feb^{y}, Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred seventy & Eight

Feby. 14 1778 by order of the Selectmen

Agreble to the within warrant have John Allen Town Clarke

Notifyd and warnd s^{d} Inhabitance to assembl

At ye Place and tim within Mentioned Andrew Lee Constable

Att an Annual Meeting of the Inhabitance of the Town of Manchester Legally warned And assembled on Tusday the fourtenth

day of March Anno Domini 1778—In order to Chouse officers to serve said Town the year Ensuing 1ly Capt. Willm Tuck was Chosen Modarator for said Meeting 2ly Chosen Wardans Andrew Lees & Jesse Dodge 3ly Chosen for Town Clarke Aarons Lee And then the meeting was adjourned to Wensday 4 Enstant At 8 in the Morning And then Meet 1ly Chosen For Town Trassurer Jonathans Brown 2ly Chosen Constable Ezekeil Knowlton & Paid his fine 3ly. Voted to make Choice of Three men to Joyn the Presant Selectmen to consider sd agreved Party in the Last years Tax 4ly Voted that Dean. Jonathan Herrick John Cheever & John Baker be the Commetee. 5ly. Voted to Do the Rest of the Bisness by a hand Vote Except select Assesors & the Commetee of Corispondance 6ly Chosen for Grand Jurymen Malachi Allen 7ly Chosen for hoge Reaves Edward Lee Obeds Carter Jacobs Hooper Frances Crafts John Twxbury Willm. Allen senr. 8ly Voted that the hogs go at Large well yoked & Ringd 9ly. Chosen Surveyours of Fences Capt. Samll Foster Jacob Hooper Jonathan Herrick Jonathan Brown. 10ly Chosen haywards John Tewksbury William Allen Junr. Jeffery Goldsmith Jonathan Brown Ruben Knowlton & Asa Herrick. 11ly Chosen for Tything men Moses May Joseph Hasham 12ly Chosen for sealer of weights & measurs John Cheever 13ly Chosen wood Corders Jonathans Brown Aaron Lee Jeremiah Dow & William Brown 14ly. Chosen Sealer of Leather Johns Baker 15ly Chosen Cullers of Hoops & Staves Obeds Carter John Tewksbury 16ly Chosen Markers of Boards & Timber Williams Brown Johns Cheever Jonathans Herrick & Asas Herrick 17ly Chosen Pound Keeper Obeds Carter 18ly Chosen Clarks Market Samll. Fosters Johns Baker 19ly Chosen surveyors of hyways Samuel Foster Aaron Lee John Edwards John Cheever Jonathan Allen Jacob Hooper. 20ly Voted that the Last years Warrant shall be New Dated and signed by the selectmen and a Justis of Peice And the Balance of said Warrant to be worked the Ensuing year and that each man worke or hyer sum sufficent Person to worke in their place to ye Amount of their Tax At the Rate of Three shillings pr Day. 21ly Voted that it shall be in the Select mens Power to order The Men [168] from one Ward to the Other as they Think Proper And then the Meeting was Adjournd to Monday the 9 Enstant at 8 In the Morning and then

Meet. 1ly Voted that their should be five Assesors the Ensuing year 2ly Chosen for Assesors John Lee Esqr Decon Jonathan Herrick Capt. William Tuck John Cheever Majour Elez^{r}. Craft 3ly Chosen For Select men Majour Elez^{r} Craft John Cheever & Jonathan Herrick Junr. 4ly Voted that the select men should hyer mony to supply Poor if Their should be None in the Treasurer. 5ly Chosen For Constable Jeffery Goldsmith And Paid a fine five Pounds Lawfull Mony And then the Meeting was Adjourned to Tusday the 10 Enstant And Then they Meet. 1ly Chosen Constable Jonathan Allen Junr. 2ly Chosen For A Commetee of Coraspondance safty & Enspect^{n} Capt. John Stevens Maj^{r} Eleazer Craft John Baker Jonath^{n} Herrick John Cheever Frances Craft Andrew Lee and Capt. William Tuck 3ly Voted that the Commitee to Suply the solders Familcys Tell Furder order M^{r}. John Baker Obed Carter Jonathan Allen Junr. And that said Commitee to settle with Solders Familys till the Last of Febury and after wards Monthley 4ly Voted that the Commitee hyer Mony to Suply the solders Familcys if Wanted. 5ly Chosen for Meeters and Measurer of Grane William Tuck 6ly Voted Jeffery Goldsmith Enspecter of Dear 7ly Voted to Give The Revd Benj^{a} Toppen One Hundred & Fifty Pounds Encluding his Covanant Sallery the Ensning year 8ly Voted To Rais Five Hundred Pounds To Defray Town Charges And supporting the Poor. 9ly Voted surveyers sam^{ll}. Foster John Edwards Jacob Hooper Jonathan [169] Allen Junr. John Cheever Aaron Lee. 10ly Voted that William Allen sen^{r} should stand as Collector To Collect the Remander of the Bounty Tax that was Maid in the year. 11ly Voted that if Capt. Marstus & Capt. Foster and all Conserned would Agree to wat abatments ye Commetee should make it would be agreeable if Not to Let The Rate List stand as it Came from ye Assessers Hands. Att a Town Meeting In Manchester on Monday 13th of April 1778 Leagully assembled In order to Consider of the forme of the Goverment Constitution and Proceeded as folloeth 1ly Chosen Modarator for said Meeting Capt. Willm. Tuck 2ly After Reading the forme of Goverment Constitution by Paragraphs it was Concluded that it was Not agreeball to those that was their. 3ly Voted that Capt. Willm. Tuck should Joyn the Convention Held at Ipswich ye 15 Day of this month and then the meeting was adjourned to Tusday 28 Day of this Enstant April & then

Met at 8 In the Morning and Proceded as Folloeth Viz— On Tusday 28 Day of April met at the Vsall Place and adjourned The Meeting Tell Monday 18 Day of May at 8 In the Morning and Then Meet 1ly Voted by the whole body at the meeting which was 23 In Number that they Disaprove of the meathod of the Constatutiant 2ly Voted that Mr John Bayleys Wife should be Paid by the Commetee of Suplys as the other Contanantall Solders famileys are Paid. Att A Town Meeting Leaguly Conveaned to geather on Tusday The Twenty first Day of May 1778. 1ly Chosen John Lee Esqr. Moderater 2ly Chosen John Edwards an Asessor Pro tempary in Capt. Willm. Tucks absents. 3ly Chosen Samuell Bennet a Commette Man in the Rum of Tuck.

[170] Att A Town meeting Leagully Assembled to geather by The Desire of a Number of the Inhabitants to See if the Town Would grant Liberty to Ennoculate for the small Pox in sum Conveniant Place in the Town Accordingly they Meet and the meeting opened 1ly Voted John Lee Esqr. Modarator 2ly after Long Debate on the Matter it was Put and Pased in the Negetive that they should not Ennoculate in the Town and ye Meeting Desolved. Att A Town meeting Leaguly assembled to geather on Monday the fifth Day of October in order to Chuse a Representative and other Bisness that should be thought Needfull at said Meeting. 1ly Chosen John Lee Esqr. Modarator. 2ly. Voted not to send a Representative 3ly Voted to hyer the mony to Pay ye Solders their Wages the Last Compane to Road Island 4ly. Voted that the assessors shall make a Tax for all the preseding Bountys that their has Ben No Tax maid for 5ly. Voted Mr. Nathan Storys familey be supplyd ye same as the other solders famileys after the Extrordenary Bounty is Run out. 6ly. Voted that Mr. Jonathan Brown Mr. Isaac Procter & Jacob Hooper be the Commette of Supplys For the Back Lowances of the Solders famileys & what is to Come. Att an Annual Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Manchester Leagully warned and assembled on Monday the fiftenth Day of March Anno Domini 1779 In order to Chuse Town Officers The Ensuing year.

Essex s.s. To Mr. Jonathan Allen Junr Constable of The Town of Manchester—Greeting—In the Name of the Goverment and people you are hereby Required fourthwith To Notify and warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitance of the Town of Manchester Rateable at Twenty Pounds Estate to one Single Rate

besides The Poll to assemble at [171] the meeting house in said Manchester on Monday The fifteenth Day of March Next at Eight o Clock in the Morning of said Day Then and their firstly to chose a Modarator for said Meeting and to make Choise of wardens Town Clark Select men & Asessors Town Treasurer Constable & Commette of Supplys and to Chuse a Standing Grand Jury And all other Town officers as the Law Directs and to agree upon granting such sum or sums of Mony as shall or may be supposed Needfull for the Releif of the Poor and Defraying all other Charges Nessesarily Arising within the said Town also to Transact any other Business that shall be thought Needfull at said meeting Here of fail not and make Return of this Warrant with your Doing theiron unto myselfe at or before the time of said Meeting given under my Hand and Seal at Manchester this Twenty fourth Day of Febrnary Anno 1779 by Order of the Select Men

Aaron Lee Town Clerke

Agreable to the within warrant I have
Notifyed and warnd the Inhabitants
to assemble at the place and time within mentioned

Jonathan Allen Constable

Att an Annual Meeting of the Inhabitance of the Town of Manchester Leagully warnd and Assembled on Monday fiftenth Day of March Domini 1779 In order to Chuse Town Officers the Insuing year 1ly. Eleazer Craft Esqr. was Chosen Modarator for said Meeting 2ly. Aaron Lee was Chosen Town Clerke 3ly William Allen Junr. & John Edward Chosen Wardens. 4ly. Eleazer Craft John Cheever & John Allen was Chosen Select Men. 5ly. Voted to Chuse but 3 Assessors the Ensuing year. 6ly. Voted the select men this Day Chosen should be the Assesers s^{d} Present year 7ly. Jonathan Brown was Chosen Town Treasurer. 8ly. Voted that the Present select men should be a Commette to see the Accomp. Handed up to Treasurer Brown from Dec^{n}. Allen to his satisfaction 9ly. Malachi Allen was Chosen Constabel [172] & Cleared 10ly. Frances Craft John Baker & Sam^{ll}. Bennet was Chosen a Commette of safty and Refused to serve. 11ly. Voted to Do all the Rest of the bisness by a hand Vote. 12ly. Frances Craft was Chosen Grand Jury man the Ensuing year. 13ly. Elisha Allen Ezekiel Allen Jonathan Allen Junr. Sam^{ll}. Allen Junr William Stone William Badcock & John Edwards Hog Reaves. 14ly Voted

that the Hogs should go at Large yoaked Ringed. 15ly Aaron Lee Obed Carter John Edwards & Solomon Lee was Chosen fence Vewers ye Insuing year. 16ly Obed Carter William Hooper Ruben Knowlton John Tewksbury William Allen Junr. was Chosen Haywards. 17ly Joseph Hasham & Obed Carter was Chosen Tything men. 18ly John Cheever was Chosen sealer of weights & Measurs 19ly Jeremiah Dow Jonathan Brown Benj^m. Craft Jacob Hooper was Chosen wood Corders 20ly John Baker was Chosen Sealer of Leather. 21ly Obed Carter & John Tewksbury was Chosen Culler of Hoops & Staves 22ly Jonathan Brown John Cheever Solomon Lee was Chosen Marker & Meas^r. Bord & Timber 23ly Obed Carter was Chosen Pound Keeper. 24 Samuell Foster & John Baker was Chosen Clarke of the Markets 25ly Samuel Foster Obed Carter John Edwards Jonathan Allen Junr. Jeffery Goldsmith & Francois Craft was Chosen surveyrs of hy Ways. 26ly Voted that the Select men Collect the Last years Warrant and take the Remainder of ye Mony Not worked out Last year and Perpotion it to the severall wards making such altarations as the Present surkemstances of Severall Kinds of Estates may Require. 27ly Voted that the select men should hyer money to supply the Poor if their Is No mony in the Treasurer offis. 28ly Voted Aaron Lee for meater & Measurer of Grane. 29ly Jonathat Allen Junr. was Chosen Enspecter of Dear. 30ly Voted to Rais Twelve Hundred Pounds to Defray Town Charges 31ly Voted that the Select Man has Liberty to Do their Business at their Own Houses if they Think Proper and Lay their accomp. before s^d Town 32ly Voted to Rais Two Hundred Pounds to supply a free school and the select Men to Lay out the mony as they Think Proper. 33ly Voted that the Select men should make out an Accomp^t. against John Perry For Keeping his Mother in the year 1778 and the Treasurer is ordered to Recover The Same 34ly Voted that Capt. John Stephens Aaron Lee & Jonathan Brown should Be the Commette to supply the Solders famileys and the said Committe are to Hyer Mony on the Towns Accomp^t. if None in the Treasurer And then the Meeting was adjourned to Thursday the 18 Day of this month at 1 a Clock in the after Noon and then they meet 1ly

Isaac Lee was Chosen Constable & Paid a fine of £5. 0. 0. 2ly Voted to Give the Rev$^{d.}$ M$^{r.}$ Toppen Two Hundred & fifty Pounds to make up His Salery for 1778 He giving a Recept in full. 3ly Voted that the Assessors should make a Tax Emediately from the old Estimate and Let the same be Geathered as soon as Possible 4ly Voted Not to Rase M$^{r.}$ Toppens Salery tell the fall of the year. 5ly Amos Hilton was Chosen Constable & Paid a fine of £5. 0. 0. 6ly Joseph Day was Chosen Constable & Paid a fine of £5. 0. 0. 7ly Voted to hyer Jonathan Allen Jun$^{r.}$ for a Constable And Give him the three fines that has ben Paid 8ly Voted Capt. Isaac Lee John Edwards & Obed Carter was Chosen For a Commette of Coraspondance Safty and Enspection the Present year. Att a Town Meeting Leaguly warned and Assembled togeather Fryday the second Day of April to see if the Town would take Any order on a Late Tax bill sent to the Town with the Present Quarter Tax 1ly Chosen Elezer Craft Modarator 2ly Voted that the Assessors should Not Proceed to make the Tax that the Court has Lately for. [173] 3ly Voted that the Town should not pay any part of the fines Laid On the Town: And no more of the Representatives Pay than Capt. Willm Tuck has Charged the Town. 4ly Voted that the Town should Pertition the Court for an Abatment of Part of the Tax bill. 5ly Voted that the Select men & Town Clerk should be the Commett to Petition the Court for the above abatment. 6ly Voted that the Select Men make the same allowance to M$^{r.}$ Joseph Day and others that was up to Winter Hill the same allowance as the other solders had in the Town In Propotion

Att A Town Meeting Leagnly Warned and assembled to geather on Monday the sevententh Day of May in order to Chuse a Representative the Present year. 1ly. Chosen Eleazer Craft Moderator for the said Meeting 2ly Voted Not to send a Representative Judgeing the Town as a Town Not able to Pay the Charge. Att a Town Meeting Leagully warnd & Assembled to geather 1779 on Monday the fifth Day of July in order to Chuse Jury man for Salam Court to be holden on ye Second Tusday of this Enstant 1ly Chosen John Twksbury & Nehemiah Presson for Jury man on ye Pettett Jury.

Att a Town Meeting Leagully warned and Assembled to geather To see what the Town would Do Conserning the Maintenance of Joseph Lee being Maintaned by the Town weather his son should maintane His father or Not And to hear & Report of ye Conven-

tion Concerning ye Deprecation of ye Mony &c. 1ly Voted Eleazar Craft Modarater for said Meeting. 2ly Voted that Joseph Leach Jnn^r should Maintaine his father ever sence ye Last March Meeting & that the Select men shonld make out a bill of the Charges from said Meeting to this Day & make a Demand of ye Same of ye said Leach and if he should Refuse to [174] Pay the same the s^d Selectmen are to sue for the same Emedeately 3ly Voted that the Report of the Convention is satasfactory to this Town 4ly Voted To chuse a Comettee to Regnlate the Prices in the Town and Make a Return of their Doings To the Chairman of the Convention. 5ly Voted for ye Comeettee To setle Prices in the Town, Deacon Jonathan Herrick Capt Isaac Lee Capt Willm Tuck Capt John Allen & Lieut. Jonathan Brown. 6ly Voted that ye Prices after they are set by the Commette should Be Lade before the Town for their aprobation — and then the Meeting was Adjurned to the Tenth of August at 6 In the Morning And then Meet acording to the ajournment. 1ly Voted that Report of the Prices Laid before the Town are setasfactory To stand till the first Day of October Next. 2ly Voted that ye Present Commette should be a standing Commette To Enquire into the Prices of the Artikels of Consnmtion in the Neighbouring towns and to Regnlat our Prices accordingly in this Town. Att A Town Meeting Leagnlly assembled to geather to Chuse a Diligate To meet ye Connty Convention to be holden at Ipswich ye 19 of this Enstant Augnst 1ly Chosen Capt John Allen to Joyne ye Convention afoursaid to Regulate ye Prises. Att a Town Meeting Leagnlly Assembled to Geather In order to Rais Mr Toppens Salary for ye year 1779 According to a vote Past In March Meeting Last & to see if the Town will send Diligate to Concord to joyn the Convention in October next & one Deligate to set in Convention at Cambridge In Septr to Constitnte Laws & to Transact any other Business at the said Meeting The Meeting was Held ye 3 Day of August at seven in ye Morning 1779 1ly Chosen Majonr Eleaz^r Craft Modarator 2ly Voted not to Give Mr Toppen Any Petickerler snm for his salery at Present. And Mr Jacob [175] Tewksbury Entred his Decent against Giving Mr Toppen any Salary at Present 3ly Voted Rais four hundred Pounds to be Paid into the Treasury & the said Treasnrer to Pay to Mr Toppen as the Assesors shall Give orders & m^r Jacob Tuksbury Entred his Vot against it. 4ly Voted to Chuce a Com mett to Converse with Capt Sam^ll Lee About his Tax 5ly Voted to Leave all

abatments with ye Present Select men & Assesors as they shall think Proper 6ly Voted that the Report of the Convention was satisfactery to the Town at Presant. 7ly. Voted to Assess ye Town with all the Mony that was Hyered for the Solders Bounty. 8ly Voted Mr Jacob Tewksbury Tything man & sworn. Att A Town Meeting Leaguly Warned & Assembled to Geather In order To Chuse Jury men For Salem Court in November & to Pertetichon ye Court For an Abatment on the Heavy Tax Layed on the Town which they think the Town is Not able to Paye and to Act any other Business at the Meeting That shall be thought Needfull. 1ly Chosen Majeur Elezer Craft Modarator 2ly Chosen Mr Nehemiah Story to serve on the Grand Jury & Benj^{a} Craft on The Jury of Trialls 3ly Voted to send a Petitichon to ye Court for an Abatment 4ly Voted that ye Presant select men with Capt Willm Tuck & Aaron Lee to be the Commette to perfer the Petishon to ye Court & the Meeting Dissolved. Att a Town Meeting Leagully assembled to Geather to see if the Town would Proceed to Rais six men to Joyne the Continentall Army 1ly Voted Elezer Craft Moderatur 2ly Voted after Long Debate Weather The Select Men should rais ye whole of the six men or Not it Pased in the Negitive 3ly Voted Not to Rais more than two out of the six 4ly Voted to Perfer a Pertishon to Generall Tidcolme to Git of the Men To be Raised on the Town 5ly Voted that Capt Willm Tuck Joyne The Select Men as a Commette & the Select men to perfer ye Petishon 6ly Voted that ye Select should try to Hyer two men in the Best manner they Can And then the Meeting was adjournd to Tusday the 19 of this Enstant October at seven o Clock in the Morning and then Meet 1ly was Laid before ye Meeting Generall Tidecoms Orders to Proportion The six men on the whole Regment. 2ly Voted Mr Jacob Hooper was Chosen one of the Commette of Supplys In the Rume of Capt John Stevens. Att a Town Meeting Leagully Assembled on the 5 of November In order to hear ye Repoart of the Late Convention held at Concord & to Chuse a Commett to Regulate the Prices in the Town 1ly Chosen Major Eleazer Craft Modarator 2ly Voted to Chuse Seven Men for a Commett to Regulate ye Prices 3ly Voted for ye Commett Corn^{ll} John Lee Mr John Edward John Allen Junr Capt Isaac Lee Obed Carter James Lee & Aaron Lee And then ye Meeting was Disolved. Att a Town Meeting Leagully Assembled To geather In order To Grant Liberty to Capt Willm Tuck to set a Store on The Town Landing the said

Meeting Held on Decr 5 1779. 1ly Eleazer Craft Modarator for said Meeting 2ly Voted Liberty To Capt. William Tuck to Set up a Store on The Towns Land for the Space of Ten years and the said Tuck is to Pay Twenty Two Shillings L. M. Per. year in Silver Mony yearly. Att a Town Meeting Leagully Assembled on ye Third Day of January 1780 To Petishion ye Court for an abatment of ye Late Tax Layed on this Town. 1ly Voted Capt William Tuck Modarater 2ly Voted to Chuse an agent to Represent ye town at Court with a Memorall or a Petishion as the Assessors shall think Proper. 3ly Voted that Eleazer Craft for their agent to attend the Court for [**176**] the Above Purpos. Essex Sc^{tt} To Mr Jonathan Allen Junr Constable of the Town of Manchester. In the Name of Goverment & People you are Hereby Required fourth with to Notify and warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitance Qualifyed as the Law Directs to Vote in Town Affairs to Assemble att the Meeting House in Manchester on Monday the sixth Day of March Next at Eight oClock in the Morning then & their first to Chuse a Modarator for said Meeting & to Make Choise of wardens Town Clerke Select Men & Assessers Town Treasurer & Constable & a Commett of Supplys & to Chuse a Standing Grand Juryman for the year Ensuing & to Chuse all other town officers as the Law Dericts and to agree upon granting such sum or sums of Mony as shall Or may be Adjudged or Supposed Needfull for the Releife of the Poor and Defraying All other Town Charges that shall or may Arise in the said Town and to act on Any other Business that shall be Thought Needfull for the Benefit of said Town at the Presant Meeting Hereof fail Not & Make Return of this Warrant with your Doings hereon unto my selfe at or before the time of said Meeting Given under my Hand & Seal the Twenty first Day of Feburary Domini 1780. By Order of the Select Men Aaron Lee Town Clerk.

Manchester Feb^{r} 21, 1780.

Agreable to the within warrant I have Notifyed & warnd the Inhabitance to attend at the Time & Place within Mentioned pr. Jonathan Allen Junr Constable.

Att an Annual Meeting of the Inhabitance of the Town of Manchester Leagully Warnd and Assembled on Monday the Sixth Day of March Domini 1780 In Order to Chuse Town Officers to serve said Town the [**177**] year Ensuing 1ly Chosen Maj^{r} Eleazer Craft Modarator. 2ly Chosen Aaron^{s} Lee Town Clerk 3ly Chosen James

Lee & Joseph Lee wardens 4ly. Chosen Maj^{r}· Eleazer Craft John Allen Junr· & Aaron Lee Select men 5ly Chosen that the Select this Day Chosen should be the Assessors ye Present year 6ly. Chose Malachia Allen Constable & Refused to take the Oath 7ly. Voted Not To accept the Nominal sum of five Pounds paper Currency as it Now Stands 8ly. Voted to ask M^{r}· Malachi Allen weather he Consents to Pay a fine as the Law Now Directs For Non Exceptance of Taking the oath of Constable the year Ensuing Question askt & Answered in the Afermetive Yes — 8ly. Chosen Jonathan Brown Treasurer. 9ly. Chosen William Hooper Constable & Paid a fine of £37. 10. 10ly. Voted to Reconsider ye fourgoing Vote Respecting Malachia Allen He Appearing & Pay a fine of £37. 10. 11ly. Chosen Capt William Tuck Constable & Paid a fine of £37. 10. 12ly Chosen John Perry Constable & Cleard by the Town 13ly. Chosen Benj^{a} Craft Constable & Cleard by Town 14ly. Chosen Nehemiah Story Sam^{ll} Bennet & Obed Carter Commett of Safty Corraspondance & Enspection 15ly Voted to Do the Rest of ye Beseness by a Hand Vote. 16ly: Chosen Capt Nehemiah Story Grand Jury man. 17ly. Voted John Allen Junr Jacob Tewksbury Willm Allen Junr· Jonathan Brown Jacob Hooper John Tewksbury Obed Carter Hoge Reaves Ensuing year 18ly. Voted that ye Hogs should go at Large well yoaked & Ring'd. 19ly. Voted Aaron Lee Jacob Hooper & Jonathan Brown Surveyer Fences 20ly Voted William Hooper William Badcock John Allen Junr Ezekel Allen Haywards 21ly Voted Jacob Tewksbury Richard Pert Tything Men 22ly Voted John Cheever Sealer & Marker of Weights & Measures 23ly: Voted Jeremiah Dow Jonathan Brown Benj. Craft Jacob Hooper Coarders of Wood 24ly Voted John Baker Sealer of Leather 25ly: Voted Obed Carter John Tewksbury Culler of Hoops & Staves 26ly Chosen John Cheever & Jacob Allen Senr· Measurer & Marker of Boards & Timber 27 Chosen Obed Carter Pound Keeper 28ly Chosen Sam^{ll} Forster & John Baker Clerks of ye Markett And then ye Meeting was adjourned Tell Tusday ye seventh Day at 8 In the morning And then the Meeting opened & Preceeded as Followeth 1ly Chosen Constable William Allen Junr

& Paid a fine £37. 10 2ly Chosen Jonathan[s] Brown John[s] Allen Frances[s] Craft Jefferd[s] Goldsmith & Jonathan[s] Allen Junr Benj^{a} Craft[s] Surveyors of ye hy ways. 3ly Chosen Sam^{ll}[s] Bennet Constable 4ly Voted that Mr Joans should be Put out to board & ye Land set up at Publick Vandue to the hyest Bidder 5 Chosen Aaron[s] Lee Meeter & Measurer of Grane 6ly Voted to Raise Eight Hundred Pounds to Make Good Mr Toppens Sallery for 1779 James Lee Voted in the Negetive 7ly Voted that the Assessors should assess the Town by ye Last years Estamate they Making such altarations as ye surcumstances of the several Kinds of Estates may Require. 8ly Voted to Raise Twelve Hund^{d} & Eighty Pounds to support the Hy ways allowing four Pounds Ten Shillings Per Day a Man, & the same sum for a good yoake of Oxen & Every man Is to have Leberty to worke out his Rate if the said Person will worke when Cauld upon if Not to Pay as Much as Will Hyer a Man More or Less 9ly Voted that each surveyer shall be a Collecttor to Collect ye sum Annaxed to His Warrant & the sum to Lay out & keep the Ways in Good Repair & settle with the Select Men at the Close of the year. 10ly Voted To Rase Eight Hund^{d} Pounds to Suport ye Poor & Defraying all other Charges as far as it will go. 11ly Voted Not to rase any Mony for a free school ye Presant year 12ly Voted that ye Commett of Enspection & Safty to be ye Commett to Supply the solders Familey's 13ly Voted Not to Raise M^{r}· Toppens [178] Salery tell A Futer Day 14ly Voted That M^{r}· Joseph Lee should Not have any Allowance For his Service ye Last Compane for three Months & he Returned Back in fife Weaks & then ye Meeting was Dissolved. Att a Town Meeting Leagully Assembled to geather on Monday The 10 of April in order to Hear ye Report of Majour Eleazer Craft who was Chosen by the Town to attend ye Court & to see what the Town would Do on His Report. 1ly Chosen Maj^{r} Eleazer Craft Modarator 2ly Voted that the A Petition should be sent to Court for an abatment on ye Last Tax 3ly Voted that the Meeting should be adjourned to wensday the 22^{d} Day of May Next at six in the Morning and then Meet The Meeting opened 1ly Chosen Capt william Tuck Modarater 2ly Voted & Chosen Maj^{r}· Eleazer Craft for a Representative 3ly Voted that the Meeting that stood adjournd from the 10 of April To the 22 of May & so on to the Twenty Ninth Day of May Respecting The Constable Voted that Constable Jonathan Allen should Geather & Pay in

His Tax as soon as Posable he can & ye Meeting Dissolved. Att a Town Meeting Leagully warned and Assembled togeather on Tuesday the 13 Day of June at 2 a Clock in the afternoon to Consider what Meathod & Manner ye said Town would Come into To Procure seven men Called for by the Court to serve six Months Unless sooner Discharged. 1ly Chosen Maj^r. Eleazer Craft Modarator 2ly after a Long Debate & severall Votes being Past & then Maid Voyd and of no Affect it was voted & Agreed upon that the Meeting should be adjourned to Monday 19th Day of June at 3 a Clock in the afternoon at the Meeting House & According on the 19 Day as above they Meet to gather 1ly Voted to Give Twelve Pounds in addition to their wages in Hard Mony Sartan or if the Mediam is More puting the Towns To gather than our Solders [179] is to Receive as Much more as the Mediam amounts To Puting all the Towns To geather. Att a Town Meeting Leagully Warned & Assembled to geather on Monday the Twenty Sixth Day of June at 4 in the afternoon To Know the Minds of the Town what Meathod ye Select Men & Commeet should Procure the Men if any Can be Procured 1ly Chosen Capt Isaac Lee Modarator 2ly Voted Not to Give more Bounty then the Towns Give In Genarall 3ly Voted to Give 120 Hard Dollars as a bounty to each solder that shall Enlist To serve for the Terme of six Months & No More. 4ly Concluded to Draft the Men Emediatly. Att a Town Meeting Leagully warnd & Assembled To geather on Monday 3^d Day of July in order Rais Mony to Defray Town Charges & to Consider about Mr Toppens Salury ye Present year 1ly Chosen John Allen Modarator 2ly Voted To Rais Four Thousand Pounds to Defray Town Charges 3ly Voted to Make up Mr Toppens Salury in Hard Mony what is Due. Att a Town Meeting Leagully warned & Assembled Togeather on Monday 11th Day of September in order to Chuse a Governer and Leu^tt. Govener & Senetors & to see what the Town will Do Conserning The Mony Hiered for the support of the solders Famileys 1ly Chosen John Allen Modarator 2ly Voted to adjourn ye Business Conserning the Mony about the solders Famileys tell ye Day for Chosing Represatative 3ly Voted that ye Selectmen & Commett should Meet togeather & make up an Accompt what Thomas Cheever should have out of ye Mony that the Town Gave Him as a solder for six months service and Did Not Tarry and The Remainder if he Refuseth to Pay back to Sue him Emediately By The Treasurer 4ly Voted that the Selectmen should buy Glass & mend The Meet-

ing House Windows this fall 5ly Voted John Allen & Jonathan Brown for Tything Men ye Presant Year. Att a Town Meeting Leagully warned & Assembled to geather on Monday the Ninth Day of October 1780 [180] In order to Rais the Beef to support The Army Agreable to the orders of the Court sent to this Town & to see what the Town would do Conserning M^r. Toppens Salury & Conserning the Mony hyerd by the Commeete to supply the solders Famileys 1ly Chosen Eleazer Craft Modartor 2ly Voted to Comply with the orders of the Court 3ly Voted to Rais Seven Thousand Pounds To Purches ye Beef 4ly Voted to Reconsider ye 3 Vote 5ly Voted Not to Comply with The Orders from the Court sent to this Town Let the Consequance Be what it will: John Lee Esqr. Capt. will^m. Tuck John Allen Junr. Aaron Lee Jonathan Brown Entred their Decent against the above Vote: the Persons that Voted against the Orders of Court was Jonathan Allen sen^r. Stephen Allen John Edwards Isaac Lee Jacob Tewksbury & Samuell Bennet 6ly Voted to Chuse a Commette To Wate on M^r. Toppen 7ly Voted Capt. Willm. Tuck & Jonathan Brown should be the Commete to Wate on M^r. Toppen 8ly Voted that M^r. Toppen should Make his Report in wrighting to the Commeti & the Commett to Lay the same before the Town for Consideration the Next Meeting 9ly Voted to Chuse a Commette to Examen into the Notes that was Given By the Assessors & the Commette of Supplys & See what the Deprcation of the Notes are & Lay the same Before the Town at the Next Meeting. But the Meeting was Dissolved by Reason of a Dispute about the Beef as above. Att a Town Meeting Leagully Assembled togather on the Eighth Day of December 1780. To Chuse Juryman & Likewise to see what the Town will Do Conserning M^r. Toppen Salury—1ly Chosen John Lee Esqr. Modarater 2ly Voted that the Assessers should Assertain what has ben Paid M^r. Toppen for His Salury for 1779 & see How Many Ounces of Silver that would Pay or Purchas when M^r. Toppen Received the Mony & Mak up the Remainder In hard Mony so as to make Good His Covenant Salury in 1779 3ly Voted to Give M^r. Toppen his Covenanted Salury in Hard Mony or Paper Mony at the Exchange in 1780 4ly Voted that the Assessors should Not Supply ye widow Perry no more Tell furder orders from ye Town 5ly Voted that the Assessors should Notify John Perry with the Vote of the Town & if he Dont take Care of his Mother then the Assessors should Carry her Down to him & their Leaf her. Att a

Town Meeting Leagully Warned & Assembled togeather on wensday 3d Day of January 1781 at Nine a Clock in ye Morning on Purpose of Raising 8 men for ye Contanantall Army for 3 years or During ye Ware & also to Rais Eight Thousand Six Hundred & 26lbs Beef or Mony to Purchas ye same 1ly Chosen William Tuck Modarator 2ly Voted to Chuse a Commette of 3 Men to Draft a Petisheon to send to the Gennerall Court Desiring ye Court to send a Commette Down to see ye Poverty of the Town 3ly Voted Capt. William Tuck John Edwards Eleazer Craft & Aaron Lee should be ye Comette 4ly Voted that ye Town should Pay all ye Charges & Expences of the Commette & Sending ye Petishion to ye Court 5ly Voted that ye above Commette should setle ye Accompts of the Town with ye Treasurer to see what Setuation the Town is In 6ly Voted that ye Select men should proceed & Git the Men as soon as Possable they Can 7ly Voted that the Select men Give Each Man ye Same Encouragment that other Towns Give & that Each Man Receive Twenty five Hard Dollars Earnist as a part of his Bounty 8ly Voted that the orders of Court Respecting ye Beef should be Put by Tell ye Next Meeting & then Taken up 9ly Voted that the Meeting should be Adjourned to 15 Day of the Month & then Meet & Adjournd Tell the 22 Day of [181] said month And then meet and Proceedeth as Followeth — 1ly Voted to Pay all the Nots with ye Deprcation when Paid Except Mr. Andrew Woodburys Note & one of Mr. Procters Note 2ly Voted Mr. Woodbury to be Paid his Note the same as the above after Deducting out his Rates that was Due to Mr. Jonathan Allen as Constable 3ly Voted that Mr. Proctor should Receive His Mony ye Nominal Sum. 4ly Voted that John Day receive His Mony the same as Mr. Woodbury is Paid his Note 5ly Voted that Willm Allen should Collect all ye Remainder of his Tax agreeable as the Law Directs on the Deprcation scale & Settle with ye Treasurer fourth with & that The Treasurer Receive no Mony of the above Constables only at The Depration act 7ly Voted that Andrew Lee Setle ye same as the other Constable above Mentioned 8ly Voted to Rase Ten Thousand Pounds to Defray Town Charges 9ly Voted that the Commette should Pay ye Mony Received of the Court Into the Select Mens Hands to Pay the out Standing Nots Emediatly as far as the same will Pay 10ly Voted that the Meeting should be Adjournd To Wensday the 31 Day of this Enstant Janauary. And then on the 31 Day Enstant Meet To geather & 1ly Voted Presint Town Tax should be

Colected & Paid Into ye Treasurer By the 10 Day of March Next and then Second^ly Voted that The Meeting should be Adjournd to Monday 12th Day of Febnry unless sooner wanted and on the 12 Day of Feby. Meet To geather & the Meeting was Desolved.

Essex S^tt. To M^r. Samuell Bennet Constable of the Town of Manchester.—Greeting—In the Name of ye Common Wealth of Massachusetts You are Hereby Required fourth with to Notify & Warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitance of the Town of Manchester Qualifyed as the Law Directs to Vote in [182] Town affairs to Assemble Att the Meeting House in said Manchester on Monday the Fifth Day of March Next Ensuing att Eight a Clock in the Morning Then & their First to Chuse a Modarator For said Meeting Secondly to Make Choise of Wardens Town Clerk Select Men & Assessors Town Treasurer & Constable & a Commett of Supplys & to Chuse A Standing Grand Jury man for ye year Ensuing & to Chuse all other Town Officers as the Law Diricts & to Agree upon Granting such sum or sums of Mony as shall be thought Needfull. For the Releife of The Poor & Defraying all other Town Charges that shall or May Arise in said Town & to act upon any Other Business that Shall be Thought Needfull for the Bennifet of said Town att the Present Meeting Hereof Fail Not & Make Return of this warrant with your Doings theiron unto my selfe at or Before the Time of said Meeting—Given under my Hand & Seal the Fifteenth Day of Febuary AD 1781

By Order of the Select Men Aaron Lee Town Clerk

N. B Agreable to the above Warrant

I have Notifyd & warnd the Inhabitance Manchester Feb. 15, 1781

To Atted at the Time & Place within

Menchend By Sam^ll Bennet Constable.

Att an Annuell Town Meeting Leagully Assembled to Geather on Monday 3th Day of March 1781 In order to Chuse Town officers For the year Ensuing & all other Business that shall Be Thought Needfull at ye Present Meeting. 1ly. Chosen Maj^r. Eleazer Craft Modarator 2ly. Voted to Abate unto William Allen Constable John Drivers Rates Frances Knight Daniel Morgan & Robert Perrys Rates & No More. 3ly. Voted that William Allen Pay into the Treasurer ye Last of June 1778 [183] £2 8 to be appresheat to its Real Value in Silver & then to be Depresiated Down to the Present Exchange in Paper. 4ly. Voted that William Allen should pay £2. 8 into the Treasury in 1779 & to be Paid In as in ye 3 Vote

above 5ly. Voted to abate to Samuell Allen Mrs. Trasks Rates & No More 6ly. Chosen Aaron Lee Town Clerk 7ly. Voted Not to Chuse Wardens 8ly. Chosen Aaron Lee Eleazer Craft & John Allen Select Men 9ly. Chosen Capt. John Stevens Constable & Refused to take ye Oath 10ly. Chosen Eleazer Craft Town Treasurer 11ly. Chosen Jacob Hooper Eleazer Craft & Samuel Bennet a Commett of Safty & Enspection 12ly. Voted that ye Rist of the Business should be Don by a Hand Vote 13 Chosen Jeffery Goldsmith Grand Juryman 14ly. Voted to abate Mr. Benja. Obers Rates to his sons Pole to Jacob Tewksbury in ye year 1775 & all the Rest of the abatments to be Left with ye Assessors. And then ye Meeting was adjournd to ye Ninth Day of March at 8 in the Morning & then Meet. 1ly. Voted that ye Treasurer shall not Recieve of the Severall Constables any Mony that is Due on their Collecttions only at ye Exchange when Paid Except Samuell Bennets Collections that he has Received to Collect since the Last Day of June 1780 2ly. Chosen Hog Reaves Benjas. Orsment Edward Lee Benjs Craft John Knights Josephs Lee 3ly. Voted that ye Hogs should go at Large well yoaked & Ringd 4ly Voted Surveyers of Fences Aaron Lees Jacob Hoopers & Jonathans Brown 5ly Voted Hayward, Obed Carters Stephens Danford Jacob Hoopers John Allens & Benja. Craft 6ly Chosen Tything men John Knights & John Bakers 7ly Chosen for Sealer of Weights & Measures John Cheevers 8ly Chosen Coarders of Wood Jeremiahs Dow Jonathans Brown Jacob Hoopers 9ly Chosen sealer of Leather Johns Baker 10ly Chosen Cullers of Hoops & Staves Obed Carters John Tewksbury 11ly Chosen Measurer & Marker of Boards & Timber Johns Cheever Jacobs Allen Johns Allen Jnr. 12ly Chosen Pound Keeper Obeds Carter 13ly Chosen Clark of the Market Samll. Foster & John Bakers 14ly Chosen surveyers of Hy ways Jonathans Brown Benjas. Epes & Jacobs Hooper Jonathans Allen John Allen Jnr. 15ly Chosen Constable Frances Craft 16ly Voted to Reconsider ye 5 Vote & that Samuel Allen should Pay into the Treasurer the sum that ye select men abated to Him ye 29 of June 1780 17ly Voted that ye Select Men should see what setuation ye Town is in Respecting the Towns Debt & Lay The same before ye Town at

the Next Meeting & then the Meeting was adjournd to 19 Day of March & then Meet and Proseeded as Followeth Viz: 1ly Chosen Assessers Will$^{m.}$ Tuck John Cheever & Eleaz$^{r.}$ Craft 2ly Voted that the Select men should settle the out standing Dets with the severall Persons that are Indeted to said Town & take their Notes for the Sums without Entrest 3ly Voted that y^{e} Treasurer should Proceed according to Law with Cap$^{t.}$ John Stevens Respecting His fine if he Refuses to pay y^{e} same 4ly Voted that the Treasurer should settle with Sam$^{ll.}$ Allen for the Balance of His Collections with the Deprcation on y^{e} same & sue for the same if he Refuses to settle y^{e} same 5ly Voted To Give M$^{r.}$ Toppen His Covananted Salury & the Halling of His fire wood as in 1780. what was Granted the Last Tax 6ly Voted to Rais one Hundred & fifty Pounds to Defray Town Charges or Paper Mony Equal To that sum & then y^{e} Meeting was Dissolved. Att a Town Meeting Leagully Assembled to Geather on Monday the Twenty six Day of March at Eight a Clock in the Morning To see what Meathod the Town will Come into to Procure the Men & to see if y^{e} Town will sell Littlefields & Camps House & the Two Lots of Land Laying In shingle Place Hills Formerly Belonging to Sam$^{ll.}$ Leach Desest. And to act on any other Business that shall Come before said Meeting 1ly Chosen Eleazer Craft Modarater 2ly Voted to Class the Town Into 3 Classes & No More 3ly Voted to sell y^{e} 2 Lotes Menchened in said Warrant at y^{e} Hiest Bidder 4ly Voted to sell Littlefeilds [184] House at y^{e} Hyest Bidder 5ly Voted that y^{e} select men should call on Camp for House Rent 6ly Voted to sell all y^{e} Timber that is Left that was Bought for y^{e} Pest House & Call for the Pay for what has ben sold. 7ly Voted that y^{e} Treasurer should Call in all the Mony belonging to y^{e} Personage & the Town Except M$^{r.}$ Killams Bond. Att a Town Meeting Leaguly warnd & Assembled on Fryday 11th Day of May 1781 In order to see what Meathod the Town will come into Respecting The Beef for the Contanantal Army—Firstly Chosen Eleaz$^{r.}$ Craft Modarator 2ly Voted to send a Letter to Esq$^{r.}$ Fellops of Andover to Let Him Know how the Case stands Betwen y^{e} Town & the Court In Regard to Our Petishion 3ly Voted to send M$^{r.}$ John Edwards with the Letter: Att a Town Meeting Leagully Assembled to geather on Monday 16th Day of July 1781 In order to Raise Mony to Hyer solders if any Can be Procured Firstly Chosen Eleaz$^{r.}$ Craft Modarator 2ly Voted to Adjourn y^{e} Meeting till Monday 23th Day of

this Enstant July a four a Clock in the afternoon & Then Meet to Geather & Proceeded as Follows Viz Firstly Voted to Raise Eight Hundred Dollars to Hyer Solders with As Far as that sum would go. 2ly Voted that Capt. Benj$^{a.}$ Epes should Joyn with the Selectmen as one of the Commett to Hyer Solders 3ly Voted That the Assessers should assess the Town with Eight Hundred Hard Dollers That was Voted to be Raised, when the Assessors make the Next Contanantall Tax & the Meeting was Dissolved. Att a Town Meeting Leagully warnd & Assembled to geather on Tusday 3^{d} Day of October 1781 In Consequance of a Letter from Mr Osgood of Andover Respecting our Quota of Beef. Firstly Chosen Eleaz$^{r.}$ Craft Modarator 2ly Voted to Empower y^{e} Selectmen to Hyer £50. L Mony on the Towns Account To Pay for Part of y^{e} Beef & Give Nots on the Town for the Payment of y^{e} same 3ly Voted that M$^{r.}$ Brown shall Receive ye Mony of y^{e} Selectmen & Carry the same to M$^{r.}$ [185] Orsgood and take a Precept for the same for Beef as far as that sum will Purchas. Att a Town Meeting Leagully Assembled to geather on Wensday 21th Day of November 1781 In Order to Consider the Orders of Court sent to y^{e} Town for the fines for Not Furnishing our Quota of Men for Three Years or During the Ware 1ly Chosen Eleazar Craft Modarator 2ly Voted to Lay out 1000 Hard Dollers In Hyering Men for three years or During the War as far as that will go. 3ly Voted that y^{e} Town will Endamnify the Assessors for Not Making y^{e} Tax sent for from the Court 4ly Voted to send M$^{r.}$ Jacob Tewksbury to Confer with Cona$^{bl.}$ Hutcherson about the Men & then the Meeting was Adjournd to Fryday 23th of November at 3 a Clock in the Afternoon & Then According Meet to geather. 1ly Voted that what was Don Respecting The Hyring Men at the Above Meeting & all that was voted at said Meeting to be Voyd and of No Affect. Att a Town Meeting Leagully Assembled to geather on Tusday 1th Day of January 1782 to see what the Town will do Conserning the four men That the Town is Defishant to make up their Quota as ordered by y^{e} Court & to see if this Town will Petishion y^{e} Court for Redress of Grevences 1ly Chosen Jonath$^{n.}$ Brown Modarator 2ly Voted to Chuse a Commett to Prefer a Petishion to y^{e} Court 3ly Voted M$^{r.}$ Jacob Twksbury Eleaz$^{r.}$ Craft & Aaron Lee should be the Commet to Draft a Petishion to send to y^{e} Court 4ly Voted that Jacob Tewksbury should Carry the Petishion to y^{e} Court 5ly Voted that y^{e} Meeting should be Adjournd to 30th Day of Jan$^{y.}$ at 2 a Clock in the Afternoon. Att a Town Meeting Leagully warnd

& Assembled togeather on Monday 4th Day of Feby. 1782 to Here Mr. Jacob Tewksburys Report from the Court & the Abatment of ye Tax & the Abatment of the Four Men.

[186] 1ly Chosen Willm. Tuck Modarator, 2ly Voted that ye Constable should Collect ye sum abated from ye Court to the Town in Silver or Paper at The Exchange & Pay it into the Town Tresurer in 15 Days from the Date above & the Exchange to be 3½ for one. 3ly Voted that the Tresurer Charge ye Constable with the abatment from the Court & order said Constable to Pay all the Balance after he has settled with ye State Treasurer into ye Town Treasurer as fast as he Collects ye same. 4ly, Voted that ye Treasurer should take ye Mony as soon as it is Collected & Pay of the Town Dets to them that wants it Most. 5ly Voted that ye Constable should Collect ⅓ of the Tax that was Maid for the Giting of Eight men that was Assessed agreable to the orders of the Court 6ly Voted to Chuse a Commett of three men to Examen into the state of the Classes in hyring ye four men Capt. Willm. Tuck Conl. John Lee & Jacob Tewksbury to be ye Commett & the Commett to forme Notes to Each Endividuall for the sum advanced towards Hyering the four men. said Notes to be on Entrest & signed by the Treasurer 7ly Voted to Chuse a Commett to Examen the Selectmens Accompts before March Meeting ye Commett is Jacob Tewksbury Benjamin Epes & John Edwards, & then ye Meeting was Dissolved. Essex Sctt. To Mr. Francis Craft Constable of the Town of Manchester—Greeting—In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are Hereby Required fourth with to Notify & Warn all the free holders & other Inhabitance of the Town of Manchester Qualifyed as the Law Directs to Vote in Town Affairs to Assemble at the Meeting House In Manchester on Monday the Eleventh Day of March Next Ensuing Att Eight a Clock in the Morning then & their First to Chuse a Modarator For said Meeting Secondly to Chuse Town Clerk Select men & Assessors Town Treasurer & Constable & to Chuse a standing Grand Jury Man for the year Ensuing & to Chuse all other Town Officers as the Law Directs & to Agree upon Granting such sum or sums of Mony as shall be thought Needfull for the Releife of the Poor & Defraying all other Town Charges that shall or May arise in said Town & to Act upon Any other Business that shall be Thought Needfull for the Releife of Said Town at the Present Meeting Hereof fail Not & Make Return of this warrant with your Doings

thereon unto myselfe at or before the Time of said Meeting—Given under my Hand & seal this Nintenth Day of Febury Anno Domini 1782 & in the sixth Year of American Independance By Order of the Selectmen Aaron Lee Town Clerke

Agreable To the Within I have Notifyed & warned the Inhabitance To Meet at the Place & Time within Menchoned

Frances Craft Constable

Att a Town Meeting Leagully warned & Assembled to Geather on Monday the 11 Day of March 1782—In Order to Chuse Town Officers For the year Ensuing and to act upon any Other Business that shall be Thought Needfull at the Present Meeting. 1ly Chosen Eleaz^{r}. Craft Modarater 2ly Voted to send for M^{r}. Andrew Woodbury & Capt. Samuel Foster & Benj^{a}. Craft to Attend ye Meeting at Two Clock in the Afternoon 3ly Voted that ye Town should pay one Half The Charge that is Already Brought in Against the Wid^{w}. Sarah Hill and Her Daughter & M^{r}. Jacob Allen to Pay the Remainder & all other Charges That is not Brought in against the Town for their sickness & suport of the Small Pox. 4ly After a Longe Debate Between the Town & M^{r}. Andrew Woodbury One of the Commett in 1775 it was Voted that ye Town had Treated ye Commett Ill by being Dissolved in the Manner they ware by the Town 5ly Voted That the Commette Treated the Town Ill by Not Complying [187] with the Vote of the Town as was Agreed to at the said Meeting in 1775 6ly Voted to Bury all Former Disputes that hath ben Between ye Town & ye Commette to this Day 7ly Chosen Aaron Lee Town Clerk 8ly Chosen Selectmen Isaac Proctor Jacob Tewksbury & Eleaz^{r}. Craft 9ly Chosen Eleaz^{r}. Craft Town Treasurer 10ly & then the Meeting was Adjourned to Tusday the 12 Day at Eight a Clock in the Morning & then Meet & Proceeded as Followeth 1ly Voted that the Present Selectmen Chosen should be the Assessors the Presant year 2ly Chosen William Allen Junr. Constable & to Receive /6^{d} Per Pound For his Collections the Town Excepted his Father will^{m}. Allen sen^{r}. In his Room as a Turn for his said son 3ly Chosen Hog Reaves Jacob Tewksbury Jonathan Brown Benj^{a}. Orsment Benj. Epes Stephen Danford Willm. Hooper 4ly Voted that the Hogs should go at Large being Well yoaked & Ringed According to Law 5 Chosen Fence Vewers Eleaz^{r} Craft, Jonathan Brown John Allen Junr. & Benj^{a}. Craft 6ly Chosen Haywards John Knights Joseph Lee

Aaron Lee Benj$^{a\cdot}$ Craft Jefferd Goldsmith 7ly Chosen Tything Men John Tewksbury Joseph Lee 8ly Chosen Sealer of Leather John Baker; 9ly Chosen Sealer of Weats & Measures John Cheever 10ly Chosen Coarders of wood Jeremiah Dow Jacob Hooper Jonathan Brown 11ly Chosen Cullers of Hoops & Staves Obed Carter John Tewksbury 12ly Chosen Measurer & Markers of Boards & Timber John Cheever Jacob Allen John Allen Jun$^{r\cdot}$ 13ly Chosen Pound Keeper Obed Carter. 14ly Chosen Clerks of the Markets Jacob Tewksbury John Baker 15ly Voted that y^{e} former Surveyers in 1781 should Collect & Pay in their Balances fourthwith & settle their surveyers ship to the Select men 16ly Chosen surveyers of High [188] ways Jonathan Brown Benj$^{a\cdot}$ Epes Aaron Lee Jacob Hooper Jacob Tewksbury 17ly Chosen Grand Jury man John Allen Jun$^{r\cdot}$ 18ly Voted to Give the Reverend Benj$^{a\cdot}$ Toppen Sixty Pounds the year Ensuing Encluding his Covananted Salury & Cuting & Halling 12 Coards of wood 19ly Voted to Rais One Hundred & Sixty Pounds the year Ensuing to Defray Town Charges 20ly Voted to Rase Twenty five Pounds to suport the High Ways & the Tax to be Made by the Last years Tax bill 21ly Voted that a Days Work should be 4 Shillings a Day for a man & a yoak of Oxen & Cart the same sum 22ly Voted that the surveyer should worke out their Quota of the Mony by the Last Day of August 23,ly Voted that the Mater Between Mr Edwards & M$^{r\cdot}$ Brown Respecting M$^{r\cdot}$ Browns Mooving his fence should be Left to the Selectmen to Informe themselves about said Land & if it should prove to be The Towns Property they are to Conforme themselves Accordingly 24,ly Voted that the Selectmen should order payment to the Several Persons For Several Guns that Hath Not ben Paid 25,ly Voted that the Treasurer should Execute the Precept Agreable to the Resolve of Court Respecting y^{e} Guns. 26,ly Voted that Aaron Lee should pay the same for the Rent of his Ware House the same as he formerly Gave. 27ly Voted to abate to Cap$^{t\cdot}$ W$^{m\cdot}$ Tuck Thirteen shillings of his Last years Rent. 28ly Voted to Reconsider the 16 Vote Pased at March Meeting 1781 Respecting Samuel Allens Collections of Taxes that was Ordered for him to Pay & the Meeting was Dissolved.

Att a Town Meeting Leagully warnd & Assembled to Geather

on Monday y^e Twenty Seventh Day of May 1782 Respecting ye Solders & the Tax that was sent to from the Court. viz 1ly Chosen Modarater Jonathan Brown 2ly Voted Sam^ll. Foster & Elez^r. Craft be a Commett to see if the Two men that was Engaged for the service would Releas ther Engagments the Answer Returnd Yes 3ly Voted to Send a Petishion to ye Court for an abatment of our Taxes 4ly Voted that the Meeting should be Adjournd to Monday 3^d Day of June at 3 a clock in the afternoon & then Meet & Adjournd the Meeting to Monday the 10 Day of June at 3 Clock In the afternoon & then meet & Proceded as Followeth Vize 1ly Voted that the Treasurer should Proceed Agreable to Law & Settle all the Dets Due to the Town that Remains unsettled 2ly Voted that the Treasurer should Draw out of the Treasurer as much Mony as will suport the Charges of Recovering the unsettled Accompts. 3ly Voted that M^r. Craft should Have sum Person to Assest in Enquiring Into the state of Affairs Respecting M^rs. Trask Dets & others 4ly Voted that Capt. Willm. Tuck should be the Person to Assist M^r. Craft Agreeable to the first Vote 5ly Voted That the Meeting should be Adjournd. Att a Town Meeting Leagully warnd & Assembled togeather on the Twenty sixth Day of August at 6 a Clock in the Morning 1782 To Consider on a Pertishion of a Number of ye Inhabitance to the Select men & Assessors Conserning the New Moddeled Tax Lastly Maid in the Town 1782 1ly Chosen Modarator Jonathan Brown. 2ly Voted that ye Assessors should Lay the Tax Bill Before the Town Meeting 3ly Voted That the Selectmen ajust the Last Estemate and make such abatment on each Individual which may have been over Taxed by said Estemate and Give a List of Abatments to the Constable [189] togeather with a Receipt signed by The Selectmen for so much Mony Received of each person which sum shall be Discounted out of the Next Tax as sò much Mony advanced. Att a Town Meeting Leagully warned & Assembled To geather on Monday The Ninth Day of Decr. 1782 In Order to Chuse Two Wardens Agreable to the Orders of the Court. And for the Town to take Into Consideration the Matter Respecting the three months men & the five Months men that hath ben sent for From by the Court from this Town and hath Not ben Complyd with And to act on the Matter as the Town shall think Best Viz 1ly Chosen Moderater Maj^r. Eleazer Craft 2ly Chosen for Wardens M^r. Ezekiel Allen & M^r. William Allen Junr. & then Dissolved Att a Town Meet-

ing Leagully Assembled To Geather on Tusday 31th Day of December 1782 In order to see what Meathod ye Town would Come Into Conserning the Removal of the Sevaral Courts Agreable to a Letter sent from the Select men of Salem 1ly Chosen Mr. Eleazer Craft Modarator 2ly Voted Eonanimously Not to Remove Said Courts & to send an Answer Back to the Selectmen of Salem.

Essex Sctt. To Mr. William Allen Constable of the Town of Manchester—Greeting. In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are Hereby Required Fourthwith to Notify & warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitance of the Town of Manchester Qualifyd as the Law Directs To Vote in Town Affairs to Assemble at the Meeting House in Manchester On Monday the third Day of March Next at Eight a Clock in the Morning then & Their Firstly to Chuse [190] a Moderater for the Meeting Secondly To Chuse Wardens, Town Clerk, Selectmen & Assessers Town Treasurer Constable & to Chuse a Standing Grand Juryman for the year Ensuing & to Chuse all other town Officers as the Law Directs and to Agree upon Granting such sum or sums of Mony as shall be Thought Needfull for the Relife of the Poor & Defraying all Other Town Charges that shall or may arise in the town & to Act upon any Other Business that shall be thought Needfull for the Releife Of the town at the Present Meeting. Hereof fail not & make Return of this warrant with your Doings Hereon unto my selfe at or before The time of said Meeting—Given under my Hand And seal The Eleventh Day of Febuary Domini 1783—And in the Seventh Year of Americas Independance.

By Order of ye Selectmen

Agreable to the above Warrant I have Notifyd the Inhabitance to attend At the time & Place within Menchened — Aaron Lee Town Clerk

William Allen Constable.

Att an Annuell Town Meeting Leagully warned & Assembled to geather On Monday the third Day of March 1783 In order to Chuse Town officer For the year Ensuing & to Act on any other Businiss that shall be thought Needfull at the Present Meeting. 1ly Chosen Modarator Capt. John Allen 2ly Wardens Joseph Hasham & Edward Kitfield 3ly Chosen Aaron Lee Town Clerk 4ly Chosen Assessors Aaron Lee Eleazer Craft & Frances Craft 5ly Chosen Constable Jefferd Goldsmith And the Town Excepted of Mr Jacob Tewksbury to serve as a Turn for Mr. Goldsmith, the Town

Paying Back the fine that He Paid in 1778 at the Value By the scall 6ly Voted that the Meeting should be Adjonded to Tusday 4th Day of March at 8 a Clock in the Morning & then Meet accordingly 7ly Voted to Chuse a Commette to Examen into the Town Accompts. & settle them 8ly Chosen John Lee Esqr. & Capt. Joseph Leach for ye Commett 9ly Chosen Town Treasurer Eleazer Craft 10ly Voted Hoge Reaves Benj. Orsment Benj. Ober Senr. Obed Carter William Allen Edward Lee Nathl. Potter Jacob Tweksbury 11ly Voted that the swine should go at Large well Yoaked & Ringed 12ly Voted Haywards Stephen Danford Aaron Lee Benja. Craft Joseph Lee 13ly Voted Surveyer of Fences Benj. Ober sn. Decn. John Allen Jacob Tewksbury Jacob Hooper 14ly Voted Tything men William Allen Jn. Malachia Allen Joseph Lee 15ly Voted Sealer of Weights & Measurers John Cheever 16ly Voted Coarders of wood Jeremiah Dow Eleazer Craft Jacob Hooper Benja. Craft 17ly Voted Sealer of Leather John Baker 18ly Chosen surveyers of Hoops and Staves & shingles Joseph Hasham & Obed Carter 19ly Chosen Measurer & Marker of Boards & Timber John Knights John Cheever Jacob Allen. 20ly Chosen Pound Keeper Solomon Lee sn 21ly Chosen surveyers of high ways Stephen Danford Frances Craft John Allen Jr. Benj. Ober senr. Jacob Hooper 22ly Voted that Each Surveyor should be a Collector of his Tax In his own Ward 23ly Voted Mr Jacob Tewksbury Constable. 24ly Voted that William Allen should Receive his fine that was Paid in 1780 Agreable to the scale 25,ly Voted that the Select men this Day Chosen should be the Assessors ye year Ensuing 26ly Voted to Give The Revd. Benja. Toppen for his Covenanted [191] Salury Encluding his fire wood Cuting & Halling the same Seventy Pounds. 27ly Voted to Raise Two Hundred & Seventy Pounds to Defray town Charges the year Ensuing 28ly Voted to Raise Thirty Pounds to surport the Highway 29ly Voted That the Highway Tax should be maid in the same Meathod as it was in The Year 1782 30ly Voted that the Treasurer should take up all the Paper mony Notes & Consoladate them & Give hard mony Notes in their Place to Each Person 31ly Voted to Rase Forty

five Pounds for a free school the Present year 32ly Voted that the Selectmen should be a Commett to perfer a Petishion to the Court for a Redress of Grevences 33ly Voted that Capt. John Allen should Answer to the Court in behalfe of the Town for a Sitation sent from the Court Conserning a school. 34ly Chosen Clerks of the Market Benja. Ober sn. John Baker & John Allen 35ly Voted to Except of what the Commett had don Respecting the Towns Dets.

Essex Stt. To Mr. Jacob Tewkesbury Constable of the Town of Manchester— Greeting—In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are Hereby Reqnired fourthwith to Notify & warn all the Freeholders And other Inhabitance of the Town of Manchester Qualifyd as the Law Dericts To Vote in Town Affairs to Assemble at the Meeting House in Manchester on Monday the Eight Day of this Enstant March at Eight a Clock in the Morning: Then & their Firstly to Chuse a Modarator for said Meeting: Secondly to Chuse Wardens Town Clerk Selectmen & Assessors Town Treasurer Constable & to Chuse a Standing Grand Jury men for the Year Ensuing & to Chuse all other Town officers That the Law Dericts & to Agree upon Granting such sum or sums of Mony as shall be Thought Needfull for the Releafe of the poor And Defraying [192] all Other Town Charges that shall or may Arise in The Town & to Act upon any Other Besiness that shall be Thought Needfull foi the Benifet of the Town at the Present Meeting Hereof Fail not & make Return of this Warrant with your Doings Thereon unto My selfe at or before the Time of said Meeting: Given under my Hand And seal the Twenty first Day of Febuery A Domini 1784 and in the Eight Year of Amaricen Enderpendance By Order of the Selectmen Aaron Lee Town Clerk.

Agreable the Within Warrant I have Notifyd & warnd the Inhabitance of the Town of Manchester to Attend at the Time & Place within Menchoned Jacob Tewksbury Constable.

Att a Meeting of the Freeholder and Other Inhabitance of The Town of Manchester Leagnlly warnd & Meet to geather on Monday the Eight Day of March ADomini 1784 Was Chosen as Followeth Viz: 1ly Chosen Eleazor Craft Modarator for said Meeting 2ly Chosen John Knights & Jefferd Goldsmith Wardens 3ly Chosen Town Clerk Aaron Lee. 4ly Chosen Selectmen Eleazor Craft Aaron Lee & Frances Craft. 5ly Chosen Town Treasurer Eleazer Craft 6ly Chosen Constable Isaac Lee & Hyerd Obed Carter to

Serve in his Place 7ly Voted to Do the Rest of the Business by a hand vote 8ly Voted to abate Mrs. Cheevers Tax to William Allen Provided Mrs. Cheever Will Let the Selectmen put out her Lands to the Best advantage. 9ly Voted to abate to William Allen Ezekiel Cheevers Tax. 10ly Voted to Except of Mr. Obed Carter for a Constable in the Room of Isaac Lee. 11ly Voted that the Constable should have six pence pr. Pound for all The mony he shall Collect & Pay into the Treasurer & no More. 12ly Voted that Mr. Tewksbury should have six pence pr. Pound that He shall Collect & Pay into the Treasurer & No More. 13ly Voted that Capt. Isaac Lee should have his fine that he Paid in Paper Mony Returnd back Agreable to the scale. 14ly Chosen Hoge Reaves Benjs. Epes Josephs Leach Benjs Orsment Andrews Allen Stephens Danford Jefferd Goldsmith 15ly Voted that the Swine should go at Large being Yoaked & Ringd. 16ly Chosen Hawyards Stephens Danford Joseph Lees Moses May Nehemiahs Knowlton Andrews Allen 17ly Chosen Surveyers of Fences Stephens Allen Francess Craft Benjamins Epes William Stone. 18ly Chosen Tything men Stephens Danford Elnathans Witney 19ly Chosen Coarders & Sealers of Wood Jeremiahs Dow Jacobs Hooper Benjs. Craft Eleazers Craft. 20ly Chosen Sealer of Weights & Measurers Johns Cheever 21ly Chosen Sealer of Leather Johns Baker. 22ly Chosen Surveyers of Hoops Staves & Shingles Obeds Carter Josephs Harsham 23ly Chosen Measurer & Marker of Boards & Timber Johns Cheever Johns Knigts 24ly Chosen Meater or Measurer of Grane Ezekeils Allen Benjs. Craft. 25ly Chosen Pound Keeper Obeds Carter. 26ly Chosen Cullers of Fish Coll. Johns Lee Andrews Woodbury Aarons Lee 27ly Chosen Clarks of the Market Benjs. Epes Eleazers Craft. 28ly Chosen Surveyers of Hig ways Ezekeils Allen Jacobs Allen Aarons Lee Nathll. Potters Benjn Epes Johns Edwards 29ly Voted that Each Surveyer shall be a Collecter in his own Ward. 30ly Voted that Each Surveyer should worke out his Tax by the Last Day of August 31ly Voted that the Selectmen this Day Chosen should be ye Assessors. 32ly Voted to Rais Forty [193] Pounds to Defray the Charge of

the Highways Encluding the Rerages that shall be found Due on the Last Warrants. 33ly Voted that the Highways Tax shonld be maid by the Last years Warrant 34ly Voted to Give the Rev^{d}. Benj^{a}. Toppen Seventy Pounds Encluding his Covent Salnery The Cuting and Halling his fire Wood. 35ly Voted that a Man should have Three Shillings pr Day and a Good Yoak Oxen & Cart the same sum on the High ways. 36ly Voted To Rase Two Hundred & Fifty Pounds to Defray Town Charges. 37ly Voted to Rase Forty Pounds for a Gramer School. 38ly Voted that the Treasurer should Give Constable Sam^{ll} Bennet 14 Days To Settle his Accompt. of his Collections & if Not Settled & Paid by that Time to Issue his Execution fonrthwith. And then the Meeting was Adjournd to Fryday the Twelveth Day of March at 2 a Clock in the afternoon & then Meet & Proceeded as follows 1ly Voted that all the Arerages that shall be found Due on the Severall List That are not worked out on the hyway warrants for time Past shall be Called upon by the Present Surveyers & if not worked out by the Last Day of Ang^{t}. 1784 Then the Balance shall be aded to their Next Town Tax & be Collected by the Collector of the Town Taxes. Essex S^{tt} To M^{r}. Obed Carter Constable of the Town of Manchester. Greeting. In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. You Are hereby Required fonrthwith to Notify & Warn all the Freeholders & Other Inhabitance of the Town of Manchester Qualifyd as the Law Directs To Vote upon Town affairs: to Assemble at the Meeting house in said Manchester on Monday the Fourteenth Day of March Next at Eight a Clock in the Morning: Then & Their: Firstly to Chuse a Modarator [194] for said Meeting: Secondly to Chuse Wardens: Town Clerk Selectmen & Assessers Town Treasurer: Constables & to Chuse a Standing Grand Jnry man for the Year Ensuing: & to Chuse all other Town Officers that the Law Requirs & To agree upon Granting such sum or sums of Mony as shall be Thought Needfull for the Releafe of the Poor and Defraying all other Town Charges That shall or may Arise in the Town And to see if the Town will Grant Liberty for M^{r}. Robert Knowlton to set a blacksmith shop on the Towns Land he Paying the value Yearly & Likewise to see if the Town will buld a School House the Present year: and to act upon any Other Business that shall be Thought Needfull for the Benefit of the Town at this Present meeting Hereof fail Not & make Return of this Warrant with your Doings theiron Unto myselfe at or before the Time of

said Meeting: Given under my Hands & seal this Twenty fifth Day of Febuary 1785— and in the Ninth of the Independance of America

By order of the Select men

Agreable to the Within I have Notifyd the Inhabitance to Attend at The Place & Time within Mentioned — Aaron Lee T. Clerk

Obed Carter Constable

Att a Town Meeting Leagnally warned and Assembled to geather on Monday Fourtenth Day of March 1785 In Order to Chuse Town Officers for the year Ensuing and to Transact any other Business that shall Come before the Town at the Present Meeting —1ly Chosen Modarater Capt Isaac Lee 2ly Chosen Wardens Hennary Story & Joseph Leach 3ly Chosen Town Clerk Aaron Lee 4ly Chosen Select men Aaron Lee Eleazr Craft Capt Isaac Lee 5ly Chosen Town Treasurer Eleazer Craft 6ly Chosen Constable John Baker & hyerd Obed Carter to serve 7ly Chosen Grand Jury man Nathll Potter 8ly Chosen hedg Rever Benjm Osment Henry Story Jeremiah Dow senr Samll Forster Moses May Nathll Potter Isaac Lee William Allen Senr 9ly Voted that ye swine should go at Large being Yoaked & Ringed according to Law—10ly Chosen Hay wards Aaron Lee Obed Carter Jefferd Goldsmith Israil May John Knights Stephen Danford. 11ly Chosen Surveyers of Fences Benjn Ober Jacob Hooper Jacob Tewksbury John Knights Frances Craft—12ly Chosen Tything Men Ezekiel Allen Moses May—13ly Choosen Coarders of wood Eleazr Craft Jeremiah Dow Jacob Hooper Benjn Craft—14ly Chosen sealer of Weights & Measurs John Cheever: 15ly Chosen Sealer of Leather John Baker Ezekeil Allen—16ly Chosen surveyers of Hoops Staves shingles Obed Carter Joseph Hasham. 17ly Chosen Measurers & Markers of Boards & Timber Ebenezer Baker John Cheever Willm Stone—18ly Chosen Measurers & Meeters of Grane Eleazer Craft Ezekiel Allen—19ly Chosen Pound Keeper Obed Carter 20ly Chosen Cullers of fish Coll John Lee Aaron Lee Samll Foster Jacob Tewksbury—21ly Chosen Clarks of ye Market Elnathan

Witney Capt Joseph Leach Benjn Ober s^{n}—22ly Chosen Surveyers of highways Eleazer Craft Benjn Craft Stephen Danford Jacob Hooper Willm Allen John Procter 23ly Voated that each Surveyer shall be a Collector of his own Lest & that Each surveyer shall worke out his Tax By the Last Day of Augt Next and if Not worked out by that Time The surveyers [195] to be acountable for all ye Mony that he Does Not Collect & worke out & Pay in by that Time—24ly Voted that Each Man shall have three shillings pr Day & a Good Yoak of Oxen & Cart the same sume—25ly Voated that Mr Epes should be alowed his Charge against the high Ways —26ly Voated that the high way Tax shall be Maid by The Last years Estamate—27ly Voted that ye Select men this Day Chosen shall be the Assessors to assess the Town the Present year—28ly Voted That Obed Carter shall be a surveyer of the saw mill Brige to take up the stone worke & make a wooden Bridge. 29ly Voted to Rais Forty six Pounds to Defray the Charges on the high ways —30ly Voted to Give Mr Tappan this Covananted Salary—31ly Voted to Give Mr Toppan Twenty Pounds Thirteen shilling & /4^{d} as a Gift Enchuding the Cuting & Halling His fire wood—32ly Voted to Rase Two Hundred & fifty Pounds to Defray Town Charges the Present year—33ly Voted to Build a school house In the Town such as the Town shall agree upon—34ly Voted that the school hous shall be bult 21 feet wide & 26 feet Longe with a upright Chamber—35ly Voted that the Selectmen shall be a Commett to se that ye school house is Bult on the same place ware the old school hous Now Stands. 36ly Voted To Rase Forty Pounds for support of a Grammer School 37ly Voted To Rase Fifty Pounds to buld a school house 38ly Voted that Kittle cove shall have their Preportion of the school if y^{e} school is Continued tell the Mony is spent if the school is Dropt Kittlecove is to Receive $\frac{3}{4}$ of their mony that is spent on the school—39ly Voted that the Treasurer shall sue The Wid^{w} Hannah Morse for the [196] Mony that is Due to the Town from her Late Husband in his Last sickness—40ly Voted that y^{e} Meeting should Be Adjorned to Monday 28th Day of this Enstant March at 6 a Clock In the Afternoon to the House of Mr Eleazer Craft Inholder in Manch^{r} And then Meet to geather and proceded as Followeth—Viz 1ly Voted that ye Select men should sell the Towns House that the wid^{w} Littlefield formerly Lived in to the Best Advantage 2ly Voted that the Select men

should Call upon Benj[a] Craft for the Towns Mony Lying in his hands to pay the same into the Town by the fall of the year Ensuing—3ly Voted to Reconsider the 34 Vote Past at meeting Conserning the school house 4ly Voted that y[e] School House should be Bult 30 feet Longe & 22 feet wide one Story High with a sharp Rufe. 5ly Voted to Rase Mony to buye a bell of about 300 pd. Weight. 6ly Voted to Rase 30 £ Pounds to buye a bell 7ly Voted that y[e] Select men should be a Commett to buy sd Bell 8ly Voted that the Selectmen should be a Commett to Lay out the Mony that was Raised for a Gramer school wen the House is finished fit to Keep a school theirin—9ly Voted the Thanks of y[e] Town to that Gentelman who has offerd to Give the Town a Cow for the Bennefit of y[e] Poor: and said Cow to be under the Care of The Overseers of the poor to Keep her from year to year. 10ly Voted to abate M[r] Dow in his Taxes what the Chamber Will Rent for and a small mattere what he has found His Daughter. 11ly Voted to Chuse a Commett to seat the Meeting House Nathanel Potter Ezekeil Allen Co[ll] John Lee Joseph Leach Frances Craft Aaron Lee Isaac Lee Eleazer Craft Henry Story Ezekeil Leach Abial Burges Jefferd Goldsmith Elnathan Witney John Procter Obed Carter—12ly Voted said Commett should meet Thursday at 8 a Clock In the Morning to the house of Eleazer Crafts for the purpos above mentend.

Att a Town Meeting Leagully warnd & Assembled to geather on The Sixth Day of October 1785 In Order to see if the Town will Grant Leberty to Nath[ll] Hovey to set a black smith shop on the Towns Land he Paying y[e] Rent Yearly.

1ly Chosen Modarator Frances Craft. 2ly Voted that Nath[ll] Hovey should set a black smith shop on The Towns Land Near the Mill Bridge for Ten Years he paying yearly for the Rent fifteen shillings.

The Town of Manchester's Town, Ministers School and County Tax for the year one Thousand seven hundred & sixty nine.

Men's Names	Polls	Real Estate			Personal Estate			Sum Total		
John Lee Esq[r.]	14/9	1	7		8	11	8	10	13	5
D[o.] for Jereme Lee Esq[r.]					1	4	1	1	4	1
Lieu[t.] Thomas Lee	7/4½	1	0	9		15	6	2	3	7½
Samuel Allen Sen[r.]			4	4¼		3	1½		7	5¾

Men's Names	Polls	Real Estate		Personal Estate		Sum Total.		
Jeremiah Allen	7/4½	6	1¼	6	0		19	5¾
Elisha Allen	14/9	2	9	1	9		19	3
Jonathan Allen sen^{r}.	14/9	8	3¾	7	5¼	1	11	2
Jacob Allen	29/6	10	10	8	11	2	9	3
Deacon John Allen	29/6	18	0	14	0	3	1	6
D^{o}. for Abigail Leach		4	4¼				4	4¼
Samuel Allen Junr.	29/6	9	0	16	1	2	14	7
William Allen	29/6	3	2½	8	1	2	0	9½
Josiah Allen	14/9	2	9	1	9		19	3
Bartholemew Allen	14/9	1	10	1	9		18	9
Malachi Allen	14/9	2	9	1	9		19	3
Jonathan Allen Junr.	14/9	3	2½	4	2	1	2	1½
Azariah Allen	14/9	2	9	3	1½	1	0	7½
Wid^{w}. Mary Allen		2	3½		6½		2	10
Stephen Allen	29/6	18	11	1 0	6¼	3	11	8¼
Andrew Allen	14/9	2	5½	1	9		18	11½
Ambrose Allen	14/9		11				15	8
John Allen Junr.	29/6		11			1	10	5
James Allen	14/9		11				15	8
Jacob Allen Junr.	14/9						14	9
Simeon Allen	14/9						14	9
Peter Ayres	14/9		11				15	8
Jacob Ayres	14/9		11				15	8
Jeremiah Andros	14/9		11				15	8
William Badcock	44/3	8	2	10	8	3	3	1
Aaron Bennett	36/10½	9	11	7	0	2	13	9½
Benjamin Bennett	14/9		11				15	8
Moses Bennett	14/9	2	2½				16	11½
Samuel Bennett	14/9						14	9
Mary Bare		1	10	1	9		3	7
Samuel Bare	14/9	2	0¾	1	4½		18	2¼
Caleb Balch of Beverly		4	5				4	5
Verring Blyth	14/9				11		15	8
Caleb Bartlet	14/9						14	9
John Bailey	14/9	1	2½	1	10		17	9½
Jonathan Brown	14/9	2	7	5	5	1	2	9
James Brown	14/9						14	9
John Baker	14/9						14	9
Samuel Carter	29/6	11	11¼	11	3½	2	12	8¾
Obed Carter	44/3	2	9	5	8	2	12	8

Men's Names	Polls	Real Estate			Personal Estate			Sum Total.		
Ames Cheever	14/9		3	2½					17	11½
Widw. Sarah Cheever			2	9		7	2		9	11
Thomas Cheever	14/9								14	9
John Cheever	29/6		9	11		8	2	2	7	7
Ezekiel Cheever	14/9		5	1½		4	6	1	4	4½
Benjamin Craft	14/9		2	9		2	8	1	0	2
Francis Craft	14/9		2	6¼		1	4½		18	7¾
Eleazer Craft	14/9		2	9		11	8	1	9	2
Benjamin Clark	14/9			11					15	8
George Cross Senr.	14/9			11					15	8
Margarett Crowell	14/9								14	9
George Cross Junr.	14/9			11					15	8
Samuel Clark	14/9								14	9
Thomas Colony	14/9			11					15	8
John Carter	14/9								14	9
Richard Day	7/4½		4	2¼		3	7		15	1¾
Joseph Day			1	7¼		1	9		3	4¼
Solomon Day	14/9		1	10		1	9		18	4
Hannah Driver	14/9		1	4½		1	09		17	10½
Solomon Driver	14/9		1	10		1	9		18	4
John Driver	14/9			11					15	8
Moses Dodge	14/9		1	4½		2	8		18	9½
Jesse Dodge	14/9			11		1	9		17	5
Stephen Danford	14/9		3	3½		4	9	1	2	9½
Anna Day	14/9								14	9
Jeremiah Dow	29/6		1	2½		3	7	1	14	3½
John Edwards Senr.	14/9		10	10		9	8	1	15	3
Daniel Edwards	14/9		16	9¼	3	19	11	5	11	5¼
Do. for Isaac Smith Esqr.						12	1		12	1
John Edwards Junr.	14/9		5	10½	1	2	6	2	3	1½
Do. for Capt. Derby						12	1		12	1
Samuel Edwards	14/9								14	9
John Easty	14/9								14	9
Benjamin Easty	14/9			11					15	8
John Easkoot	14/9			11		1	9		17	5
Widw Ann Forster				11		10	10		11	9
Samuel Forster	29/6		5	10½	1	6	1	3	1	5½
Josiah Fairfield Esqr.	14/9								14	9

Men's Names	Polls	Real Estate			Personal Estate			Sum Total.		
Bartholomew Flowers	14/9								14	9
Jon[a]· Gilbert of Glocester			17	2					17	2
John Grant	29/6			11		1	4½	1	11	9½
Thomas Gently	14/9			11					15	8
Benjamin Grant	14/9								14	9
Andrew Hooper	14/9		10	6		8	11	1	14	2
Jacob Hooper	29/6	1	7	0	1	3	2¼	3	19	8¼
Edward Hooper	14/9		3	8		1	9	1	0	2
William Hooper	14/9		2	3½		1	9		18	9½
David Hooper	14/9		1	6		1	4½		17	7½
Joseph Hibbert Gloc[r]·				5½						5½
Jonathan Herrick Sen[r]·	29/6	1	7	0		16	11	3	13	5
Jonathan Herrick Jn[r]·	14/9		9	0		11	4½	1	15	1½
Nathaniel Haskell	14/9		2	10		1	9		19	4
Joseph Haskell	14/9			11		1	9		17	5
Stilson Hilton	44/3		1	10		1	9	2	7	10
Amos Hilton	29/6		1	10				1	11	4
Nathanael Hilton	14/9			11					15	8
Benjamin Hilton	14/9		1	10					16	7
John Hill	14/9		1	3½		1	9		17	9½
Charles Hill	14/9			11					15	8
Benjamin Hill	14/9								14	9
Joseph Hill	14/9								14	9
Joseph Harsham	14/9								14	9
Crispin Joynt	14/9								14	9
Benj[a]· Jones	14/9			11					15	8
Joseph Knights	14/9		13	6		12	11	2	1	2
Joseph Knights Jun[r]·	14/9		18	11		11	7	2	5	3
Francis Knights	14/9			11		1	9		17	5
Robert Knowlton			5	2¼		3	1½		8	3¾
Ezekiel Knowlton	14/9		2	9		8	6½	1	6	0½
Amey Knowlton			1	9		1	4½		3	1½
Edward Kitfield	29/6			11		1	9	1	12	2
Nicholas Kitfield	14/9								14	9
Joseph Killam	14/9			11					15	8
Benj[a]· Kimball	14/9		2	9		12	7	1	10	1
Mary Lee Sen[r]·			1	4½		1	4½		2	9
Mary Lee Jun[r]·	44/3		1	10			4½	2	6	5½

Men's Names	Polls	Real Estate			Personal Estate			Sum Total.		
Hannah Lee			2	9		1	9		4	6
Capt. Samll Lee		1	7	0	2	14	4½	4	1	4½
Widow Abigail Lee			1	4½		8	0		9	4½
Joseph Lee	14/9		3	8		1	9	1	0	2
Nathaniel Lee Senr.	14/9		6	7		6	3	1	7	7
Aaron Lee	29/6		8	0	1	4	10½	3	2	4½
Do. for Mr. Symmes						12	1		12	1
James Lee	14/9		1	10					16	7
Solomon Lee	29/6		7	8½		5	3	2	2	5½
Edward Lee	14/9		4	10½		4	6	1	4	1½
Isaac Lee	29/6		1	10		1	9	1	13	1
Nathan Lee	14/9		2	6		2	8		19	11
Nehemiah Lee	14/9		1	4½		2	8		18	9½
Ebenezer Lee	14/9			11		2	4		18	0½
Andrew Lee	14/9		2	9		2	6	1	0	0
Nathanael Lee Junr.	14/9		1	3½					16	0½
David Lee	14/9								14	9
Jacob Lee	14/9								14	9
Joseph Leach Senr.	14/9		1	10		1	9		18	4
Paul Leach	7/4½		5	2½		4	8½		17	3
Joseph Leach Junr.	14/9		1	10		1	4½		17	11½
Amey Leach	14/9			11		1	4½		17	0½
John Lyndall	14/9			11		1	9		17	5
William Lofty	29/6			11			4½	1	10	9½
Luke Morgan Glocesr.				8						8
Hannah Marsters			5	10½		4	8		10	6½
Andrew Marsters	29/6		1	10	1	18	9	3	10	1
Do. for Isaac Smith Esq.r						18	0		18	0
Ruth Marsters						6			6	0
John Morgan	14/9		3	8		1	9	1	0	2
Daniel Morgan	14/9		1	2					15	11
Samuel Morse	14/9		1	4½		1	9		17	10½
David Morse	14/9		1	10		1	9		18	4
Moses May	14/9			11					15	8
Israel May	14/9			11					15	8
Willm Hind Main	14/9			11					15	8
Azarias Norton	14/9		12	8		6	5	1	13	10
Benjamin Ober	29/6		11	3½		14	2¼	2	14	11¾

Men's Names	Polls	Real Estate	Personal Estate	Sum Total
Benj[a]. Orsment	14/9	3 8	1 9	1 0 2
John Orsment	14/9			14 9
Hannah Orsment		3 0	4 1½	7 1½
Isaac Procter	29/6	2 9 6	1 12 4½	5 11 4½
David Presson		8½	1 15 2	1 15 10½
Isaac Presson	14/9	11		15 8
John Perry Jun[r].	14/9	1 2½	2 2½	18 2
Robert Perry	14/9	11		15 8
Samuel Perry	14/9	11		15 8
Thomas Poland	29/6	2 9	4 10½	1 17 1½
David Pressen Jun[r].	14/9			14 9
Nathaniel Rogers	14/9	11		15 8
Jonathan Roberts	14/9	1 4½		16 1½
Sam[ll]. Stone	14/9	2 3½	1 9	18 9½
William Stone	14/9	1 10	4½	16 11½
Nehemiah Storer	29/6	2 9	8 6½	2 0 9½
Nathan Storer	14/9	11		15 8
Andrew Symonds	14/9	1 10	1 9	18 4
William Tarring	14/9			14 9
John Tuck	14/9	2 9	3 7	1 1 1
John Tuck Jun[r].	14/9			14 9
William Tuck	14/9	1 1½	2 2½	18 1
Jacob Tewxbury	7/4½	6 4	1 9	15 5½
John Tewxbury	29/6	9 11	18 8	2 18 1
D[o]. for Isaac Smith Esq[r].			12 1	12 1
James Thistle Beverly		5½		5½
Joseph Whipple	14/9	2 2½	11 8	1 8 7½
Ensign Andrew Woodberry	14/9	12 8	18 1½	2 5 6½
D[o]. for Cap[t]. Peal			12 1	12 1
Azariah Woodberry	14/9	11	7 7½	1 3 3½
Joseph Williams Beverly		11		11
Robert Woodberry D[o].		5½		5½
Malachi Woodberry D[o].		5½		5½
Sam Woodberry	14/9			14 9
William Williams	14/9	8¼		15 5¼
William Watson	14/9			14 9

The above and foregoing is a true Copy of a List of Assessments

made by us the subscribers amounting to the sum of Two Hundred & Thirty seven Pounds, fifteen shillings & six pence half Penny Lawfull Money the Original of which I have received together with a warrant to collect the same which sum I promise to pay into ye Treasuer of ye Town of Manchester or unto his successor in ye same Place & Office as directed by ye Assessors Warrant herewith Committed unto me Obed Carter Constable of
£237 15 6½ Manchester

Jeremiah Allen Junr
John Bennett
Aaron Bray
Benjamin Crowell
Jonathan Courser
John Cole
Andrew Cleaves
Charles Roberts
Charles Welches
Scarborongh Hill
Benjamin Hobbs
Abial Lee
Edward May
Benjamin Morgan
Joseph Perry
Richard Pulsifer
Jacob Symonds

Province Tax £196–3–6 (s, d) 1770

Minister School and County tax 1770 £226–15–8¾ (s, d)

Ezekiel Allen
William Brown
Benjamin Lofty
Anne Pearce
William Roberts
Patrick M^c^Symonds
Isaac Bassett
Isaac Johnson
John Poland
Francis D^e^ Silver
Nehemiah Story Junr.

Minister, Town School and County Tax 1771, 222–16–10¼ (£, s, d)

Province Tax £57 18 (s)

William Badcock Junr.
Nathaniel Boynton
Joseph Badcock
Daniel Herrick
John Hooker
John Harriman
Edward Kilfield Junr.
Aaron Lovace
Israel Morgan
Jonathan Procter
Amos Bennett
Michael Bowen
Henry Federick
Stilson Hilton Junr.
William Harsham
Moses Johnson
Lawrence Langhlin
John Morse
George Norton
Isaac Procter Junr.

Patrick Summers	Benjamin Tucker
William Thomas	Joseph Tuck

Province Tax £ s d 63-18-2 for 1772

Minister, School, Town and County Tax £ s d 260-12-3

Jeremi Dow Junr	Noah Dodge
John Day	Abigail Edwards
Elizabeth Edwards	Wid^{w} Lydia Edwards
Jacob Hooper Junr	Aaron Lee Junr
Daniel Lee	Wid^{w} Sarah Leach
Joseph Leach 3^{d}	Jonathan Prince
Jacob Morgan	Humphrey Williams

Province Tax £ s d 56-18-8 1773.

Minister, School, Town and County Tax £ s d 220-14-8

" " " £ s d 218-6-2

Jeffry Goldsmith	Amos Jones
Lot Killam	William Low

Province Tax £ s d 23-19-4 1774.

Minister, School, Town and County Tax £ s d 237-0-4

Thomas Badcock	John Badcock
William Brown	Elizabeth Bean
David Carter	Samuel Driver
Naomi Leach	Peter Spence

Minister, School Town and County Tax, 1775, £ s d 238-9-1½

Province Tax £ s d 120-6-½

Richard Downing	Francis Gordon
Jeremiah Hibbert	Downing Lee
Nehemiah Presson	Reuben Knowlten
Asa Herrick	William Eliot
Thomas Stevens	William Pittman
George Girdler	Ruth Tewksbury
Susannah Hilton	

Minister Town and County Tax for 1776. £ s d 254-13-8¼

State Tax for 1776 £ s d 223-13-7

Abraham Corner
John Stevens
Stephen Sewel
George Hall
Thomas Stevens
John Glover
Samuel Reason
Robert Bean

State Tax for 1777, 632–7–4 (£ s d)

Town, Minister and County Tax 282–17 (£ s)

Abraham Quiner
Benjamin Ober Junr
Richard Webber
Marston Whattson
James Androse
Thomas Low
Jobe Smith
William Tayler
William Langdall
William Morgan
Theopilus Herrick
Wid^{w} Amon Charnick
Jonathan Dodge
William Standley
William Peirce
Jeames Woodbury
Edward Dodge
Samuell Woodbury
Richard Dodge
Amos Dodge
George Hall
Andrew Leach
John Webb
Jonah Dodge
Bettey Harskill
Downing Lee Junr
Abigail Tarring
John Androse
Jacob Story
Richard Brown
Nathaniel Poland
John Low
William Haselton
Joseph Corning
Theopilus Hull
Paul Harskell
Marke Dodge
Jonathan Patch
Joshua Dodge
Nathan Wighman
Jedediah Smith
Nehemiah Presson
John Dodge
William Cleaves
Wid^{w} Mary Downing
Nathan Brown
Wid^{w} Mary Collens
Jonathan Cunnant
Joseph Knowlton

State Tax for 1778 526–19–4 (£ s d) June 16th
" " " 534–4–17 (£ s d) Aug 17th

Town, Minister and Bounty Tax 1297–5–7 (£ s d)
made by the Assessers 1778 committed to Constable Feb. 18, 1779

John Allen 3d
Richard Downing
George Hall
Larance McLawlen
Widw Eunice Norton
Israel Ober
James Evelath
John Kinsman
Docr Dampney
Jedediah Smith
Nehemiah Allen
Frances Gorden
Widw Marion Leach
John Morgan Junr
Benjamin Ober Junr
Simon Miller
David Marshall
Moses Forster
Nathaniel Wayman

State Tax 1779 £4927 Nov 12th

Contanantall Tax " £2024–s9–d4 June 3d

Town, County, Bounty, Minister and School Tax £2976. Nov. 3.

Ephraim Brown
Ezekiel Leach
Michael Downs
John Cane
Thomas Grant
Elexander Davison
Isaac Procter

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